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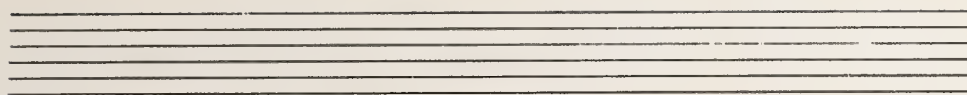
Our entire staff joins in congratulations to the people of Wilkesburg for the splendid progress made by the Borough during its fifty years of incorporation through wise, thrifty and sound management.

We pledge our earnest efforts for future advancement and development into a still greater Wilkesburg led by capable leaders, and higher standards of municipal administration.

**G. Paul Moore**

**W. Hobbs Fernie**





# DEDICATION

## *The Nugget*

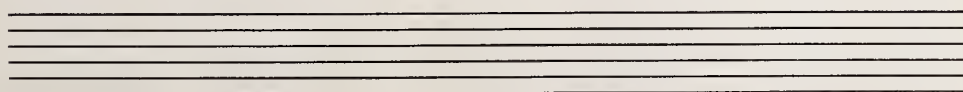
—is, or should be, the mirror, wherein is reflected the picture of a great community since its launching in the dark forests of Pennsylvania one hundred and fifty years ago and its incorporation fifty years ago.

We, of Wilkinsburg, are proud of our town. We are following the same ideals in attempting to maintain our community as did those who created it in by-gone days.

Those pioneers who first arrived here were fresh from the birth of the written rights of Americans to live together in harmony, peace and happiness and with complete liberty to establish and maintain their community as they saw fit.

Their ideals were good. We in modern Wilkinsburg have not seen fit to change them nor will we see fit to change them. Their character is reflected in the present character of the town.

To those good folk of past years then, the Rippeys, the McNairs, the Wilkinses, the Kellys and the other sturdy forefathers who laid the staunch foundations of Wilkinsburg we reverently dedicate this volume.





# CALDWELL & GRAHAM

*Established 1889*

In 1889, Joseph Caldwell and William T. Graham purchased the dry goods store of West and McFarland located in the 800 Block Penn Avenue.

In 1891, they moved to larger quarters at 708 Penn Avenue known as the Penn Building. On January 8, 1901 this building was destroyed in a disastrous fire which was the direct cause of the establishing of our first paid fire department according to the account in Wilkinsburg's Paper—*The Wilkinsburg Valley*.

During the reconstruction of the Penn Building temporary quarters were established at 746 Penn Avenue.

In 1907, the Wallace Block of stores located at Penn Avenue and Wood Street next to Caldwell and Graham's was completely destroyed by fire. This property was then purchased by the Caldwell & Graham firm. In 1908, the present building was erected and has been occupied by Caldwell & Graham since that time.



Temporary Quarters in 1901



Interior of Present Building in 1908

# CALDWELL & GRAHAM

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# FOR E W O R D

## *The Nugget*

—the official publication of the Golden Anniversary Committee is presented to its readers in this form through the efforts of the Committee members and through the generosity of the business establishments, utilities and the surrounding industries whose names and descriptions you will find on other pages.

The compilation and presentation of the data, the pictures, articles and history you will find herein, was made possible through the splendid co-operation of residents and former residents of Wilkinsburg too many to name.

We accepted the responsibility with misgivings but are publishing it with eagerness, trusting that you will get great pleasure in perusing its pages.

It is fitting that this book be created to properly celebrate the fifty years of accomplishment in this community.

We trust that it maintains the standards of Wilkinsburg, the old and the new.

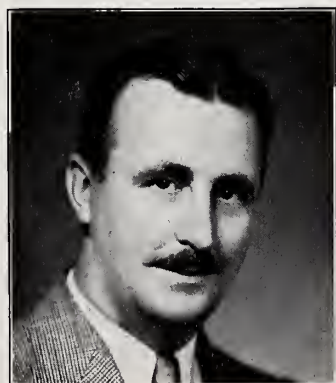
We had intended to publish many old photographs of the town, individuals and groups, of former years but there was such an unprecedented response from the organizations of this community, that it made the inclusion of these pictures impossible.

The churches, organizations, etc., were placed in their respective positions as best suited the layout of the book.

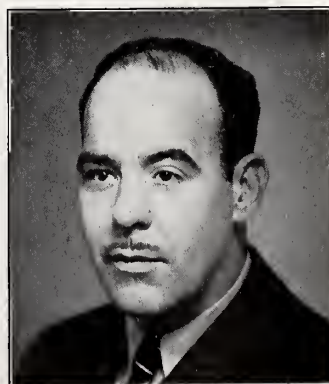
The positions for the advertisers were all drawn by lot the size of the advertisement being taken into consideration.

Naturally there will be some mistakes, for as this is being written the headlines in the papers are screaming "Temperature reaches an all time high". So let's blame it on the heat. Thank You.

## *The Nugget* *Editors and Publishers*

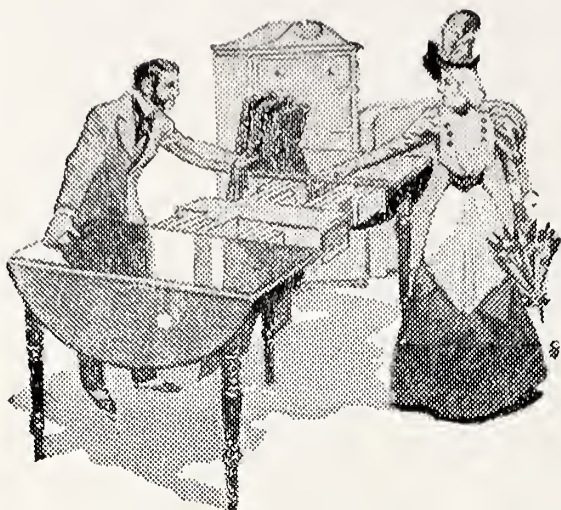


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SECOND ROW—Carriers, Richard Nichols, Peter Gomola, John Gomola, David Guerin, Edward Wissman, Albert  
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OF

WILKINSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

INCORPORATED OCTOBER FIFTH, 1887

By Your Friends and Neighbors who Constitute the  
Anniversary Committee



The Golden Jubilee Events To Date	APRIL	22—BENEFIT CARD PARTY .....	Penn-Lincoln Hotel
	APRIL	29—"OUR YESTERYEARS" .....	A Dramatization of Wilkinsburg's History, Wilkinsburg High School
	MAY	31—"THE RIVALS" .....	A Comedy Show Wilkinsburg High School
	JUNE	12—BOY SCOUT CAMPOREE .....	Greensburg Pike
	JUNE	21—BABY PARADE .....	Sponsored by Wilkinsburg Gazette
	JULY	4—FIREWORKS DISPLAY .....	Pups Foot (Combining with the War Veterans Council)
	AUGUST	3—ANNIVERSARY TOWN OUTING .....	Kennywood Park



## The Mardi Gras

OCTOBER 3 to 9, 1937	SUNDAY	Morning.....	Special services at all churches
		Afternoon.....	All Nations Costumed Song Festival Graham Field
	MONDAY	Morning.....	Registration and reception of "Old Timers" and Visitors. Penn-Lincoln Hotel
		Evening.....	Minstrel Show and Vaudeville Wilkinsburg High School
	TUESDAY	School Day .....	Afternoon and evening
	WEDNESDAY	Afternoon—Mardi Gras.....	Throughout the town
		Evening—Anniversary Ball.....	Penn-Lincoln Hotel
	THURSDAY	Open House.....	Inspection of business houses
		Afternoon .....	Tours of the County
		Evening.....	The Anniversary Banquet Wilkinsburg High School Gymnasium
	FRIDAY	Evening—Historical Pageant.....	Wilkinsburg High School
	SATURDAY	Afternoon.....	Grand Parade at 1:30 P. M.
		Evening—Drum and Bugle Corps competition.....	Graham Field

In order to facilitate and finance the entertainment planned during the Golden Anniversary the Committee offers for sale a Gold Certificate for one dollar, as a souvenir of the affair. This certificate is good for admittance to every event scheduled except the banquet.

A full week of fun, relaxation and celebration has been carefully planned.

During the week, October third to the ninth, the Committee will present one thousand dollars in cash to a bondholder. Certificates or bonds may be procured at many places and from all clubs and many citizens of the Borough.



# THE GOLDEN JUBILEE EVENTS

ON April 22, a group of enthusiastic Wilkinsburg ladies arranged a public card party to be held at the conclusion of a meeting of the general committee of the Anniversary.

Appropriately costumed in period gowns of glimmering gold taffeta the lady's efforts were highly successful.

The ballroom of the hotel was crowded with the card players, all of whom paid a fee for the fun and the evening culminated with a tidy profit which was turned over to the Anniversary fund. The costumes worn by the committee were loaned by the Ladies of the G. A. R., Department of Pennsylvania.

Miss Mary H. Behm was chairman of the affair.

## *"The Rivals"*

For its second offering, the Golden Anniversary Activities Committee presented the High School graduating class in "The Rivals", on the evening of May thirty-first. This classic comedy by Richard Brinsley Sheridan, was written and first produced in 1775 at Covent Gardens in London. It was kept alive through a century and a half, by revivals starring famous actors. At the time our borough was incorporated, the celebrated comedian, Joseph Jefferson, was playing the role of "Acres" in New York, and Mrs. John Drew was cast as Mrs. Malaprop. They later appeared in the play at the Alvin Theater in Pittsburgh, in May 1896. It seemed fitting that this play, which was performed during the period of the beginnings of our village, and was revived during the fifty year period we are celebrating, should be presented as a part of the anniversary program.

## *Our Yesteryears*

The observance of the Golden Anniversary began April 29th, 1937 with the first monthly event, held in the High School auditorium.

Termed "Our Yesteryears", the event was in the form of a colorful review, authorized by the activities committee, chairmaned by David M. Geschwindt.

"Our Yesteryears", described as a 'lavender and old lace evening' was assembled, directed, staged and produced by Mrs. Edward Ege, who was known to the professional stage as Helena Flinn.

The show has been described by Gwynne Mothersbaugh as follows:

"Our Yesteryears", the initial celebration of the Golden Anniversary of the Borough of Wilkinsburg held at the high school, April 29 was a lavender and old lace Grand Entertainment.

The unique souvenir programme, in phraseology and typography was authentic with that used in the programmes of fifty years ago.

"Historic Highlights", by Miss Elizabeth Davison, depicted episodes in the life of our Borough. Old pictures flashed on the screen were results of research work done by the Wilkinsburg Historic Society.

The "Anniversary Album" highlighted "Our Yesteryears" by showing daguerreotype pictures from our Borough's album. One of the plates showed a graduate from Wilkinsburg Academy displaying the usual beribboned diploma. A small boy in a photographer's rack held the stiff neck pose. As the pages of the album turned it revealed the Crab Hollow Bicycle Club with a bicycle built for two. The everpresent tintype picture of the wedding party placed the groom in the sitting position, with the bride's pale hand on his shoulder.



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### COMMITTEE FOR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY BENEFIT

First Row—(Left to Right) Mrs. F. A. Myer, Helen Kregar, Anna G. Behm, Treasurer; Mary H. Behm, Chairman; Mrs. Paul D. Hutchinson, Mrs. W. Kenneth Elder, Mrs. Harold L. Digby.

Second Row—Mrs. Edith E. Lennon, Mrs. John S. Finley, Mrs. James M. Lombard, Mrs. G. D. Stevenson, Mrs. Homer E. Neely, M. Louise King, Grace Rankin, Mrs. George West, Mrs. Wm. P. Yocum, Mrs. Albert W. Johnson, Betty Pratt, Publicity. Annabel Veiock, Secretary, and Edith Woolridge are not in picture.

THE GOLDEN  
ANNIVERSARY  
CARD PARTY  
BENEFIT



In the "Gems of Yesteryear" the audience sang lustily.

## ***The Boy Scout Camporee***

The third event of the Anniversary was the East Boroughs Boy Scout "Camporee", held in historic Frazier's Fields on the Greensburg Pike, south of Graham boulevard.

The event was attended by thousands of people who sat in rapt silence on the green hillside and witnessed the historic campfire of the Boy Scouts and a pageant which briefly related the history of Wilkinsburg. Joseph Brunton, East Boroughs Scout Executive, headed the Camporee and it was one of the most delightful interludes of the Anniversary summer.

## ***Fireworks Display - July Fourth***

Independence Day witnessed the July observance of the Anniversary and the committee, in co-operation with the Allied War Veterans Council of Wilkinsburg staged an elaborate display of fireworks on the rolling hills east of town. J. Russell Willison was chairman in charge of the committee that arranged this highly entertaining event.

## ***Golden Anniversary Picnic***

The final event, up to this point, was the annual Town Outing of the Chamber of Commerce which was included and incorporated with the Anniversary.

Thousands of citizens and their families attended the picnic at Kennywood Park and were welcomed there by President of the Chamber Algy Moore who, with his committees, had provided many thrills and pleasures for the townsfolk.

## ***Mardi Gras Week***

The events to come will all take place during the Anniversary Week, Sunday, October third, to Saturday, October ninth.

Abe Ashburner, general manager of the Anniversary, in conjunction with the activities committee of David M. Geschwindt will produce the following as a program:

Sunday, October 3rd: Sunday—there will be special services in all Wilkinsburg churches, arranged by the day chairman, Dr. Orva Lee Ice, pastor of the Wilkinsburg Baptist Church.

In the afternoon, at Graham Field, on Penn avenue, G. Paul Moore will present an All-Nations Costumed Song Festival.

Monday: beginning in the afternoon an official reception for all old-timers, former residents and visitors has been arranged by the chairman, Superintendent of Schools William C. Graham. Headquarters will be the Penn-Lincoln Hotel. A district tour is included and busses to inspect the interesting river plants of the Pennsylvania Water Company will operate all day.

In the evening a regular old-time minstrel show and vaudeville, directed and produced by Earle Elder will be staged at the high school auditorium.

Tuesday: The afternoon and evening will be devoted to the Wilkinsburg schools. An elaborate and interesting program of visitation and entertainment has been arranged by Chairman C. D. Jeffries.

Wednesday: The afternoon will be devoted to the



PEGGY ANN DEIHL

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## ***Golden Anniversary Baby Parade***

On June 21st, occurred the Golden Anniversary Baby Parade. Arranged and directed by the Wilkinsburg Gazette the downtown streets were jammed with citizens viewing the colorful parade of more than four hundred of the town's babies being wheeled, trundled or toddling along. The judges, the Rev. Dr. Orva Lee Ice, Mrs. F. J. Horrell and G. Paul Moore finally chose tiny Peggy Ann Deihl as the most representative youngster.

Mardi Gras on Ross avenue.

In the evening the Anniversary Grand Ball will be held in the Penn-Lincoln Hotel. There will be dancing in all of the public rooms and a famous orchestra has been secured. C. C. Ailes is the general chairman of this event.

Thursday: Business houses of Wilkinsburg will hold a reception and open house. In addition Superintendent Graham has planned a series of inspection tours.

In the evening the Anniversary Banquet will be held in the gymnasium of the High School. A famous speaker, a famous wit, a noted citizen and much entertainment will be presented by the chairman of this event by High School Principal Floyd R. Carson, chairman.

Friday: A historical pageant, "Wilkinsburg" will be presented in the High School auditorium. This will depict, in narrative and song and drama, the evolution of the swamps of this valley to Wilkinsburg. The pageant has been written and will be directed by John McDowell.

Saturday: The grand parade in the afternoon. The parade, to be under the direction of Captain Charles Cramer, promises to be the most colorful Pennsylvania has ever held as countless famous organizations have accepted invitations to be present in the march. Further interest is added by the announcement of many Western Pennsylvania commercial organizations to be present with floats.



# WILKINSBURG

## *On the Main Street of America*

### The Story of the Great Road

THE great eastern Buffalo herds, in their wanderings back and forth across the Appalachian mountain range, sought the easiest and most accessible passes over the high ridges, and the Indians of centuries ago, in their travels, naturally took to the trails beaten down by the great bovines.

Thus, Wilkinsburg lies on the juncture of two ancient Buffalo trails of major importance and is the hub of many lesser paths leading to the surrounding river basins.

The age-old Indian trail through the center of Pennsylvania from tidewater, comes down over the wall-like ridge on the east of the Borough, and the main path of the aborigines to the Chesapeake Bay country skirts the same ridge and joins the tidewater route at what we now know as Lincoln corner, where Penn and Ross Avenues merge at Ardmore Boulevard.

The first is the William Penn Highway, a broad trail of humanity that has carried the traffic of curious and commercial folk since long before the arrival of Columbus.

The latter is the Lincoln Highway, one of the Nation's first military roads, arriving at Lincoln corner only a few miles from the historic junction of Turtle Creek and the Monongahela River, where General Edward Braddock and his troops were routed in one of the outstanding historic battles between mankind.

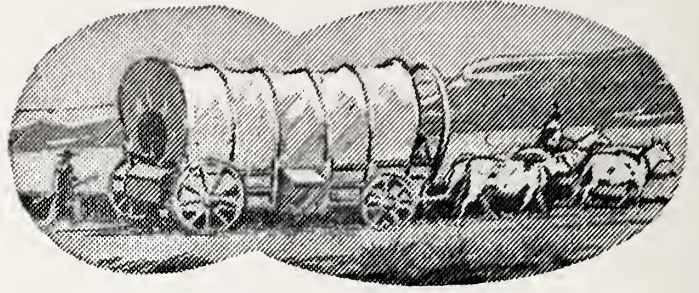
After Braddock's rout, some four miles southeast of town, the country hereabouts was dangerous territory to British subjects. The bowl in which this town lies, was a complete forest of foliage and the streets of what is now the business center of the town were but dark cross roads in the business of life and death that occupied the inhabitants of the eighteenth century.

The French and Indians were thoroughly in possession of Western Pennsylvania and all territory westward, after the routing of Braddock's army during the Summer of 1755. Three years later the British command in North America sent General John Forbes and a small army westward to attempt the seizure of Fort Duquesne, at the forks of the Allegheny and Monongahela.

Forbes, an experienced military man, carefully prepared for the expedition. His two chief aides, the young Colonel George Washington, was given command of the colonial troops and they assembled at Winchester and moved then to Raystown, where Colonel Henry Boquet had assembled several companies of British regulars (including the famous Scottish "Black Watch") and a unit of the Royal Americans.

Forbes, so ill that he was carried on a stretcher between horses, marched his tiny army westward. Upon his approach De Lignerles, commanding Duquesne, burned the wooden palisades of his fort and fled, leaving the source of the Ohio to the English.

Forbes, in his movement against Fort Duquesne, followed what is now the routes of both the Lincoln and William Penn Highways. Their general in physical distress, his two capable Colonels, Boquet and Washington experienced in Indian tactics, rode in the van of the army and directed the cutting and widening of the old



Indian trail to facilitate the passage of the ordnance.

Some miles east of Wilkinsburg the regiments were divided, one going down the Turtle Creek valley and the other continuing westward over the ridges. They met at the logical juncture, on the spot where Beulah church now stands and there a permanent camp was made, which was named "Bullock Pens" because of the cattle corral established at that point. While the army was encamped here De Lignerles made his decision to evacuate and Forbes marched his army toward the fort in two columns, one coming down Penn avenue hill and the other following the ridge down what is now Graham Boulevard and Frankstown Avenue.

The English settled down to their ownership of the territory and a garrison was established at Duquesne, renamed Fort Pitt by General Stanwix.

However, in 1763, the great Indian leader, Pontiac, whose military genius needed only training to rank him with the great of history, led the attack of the Indian tribes upon the whites. It was ferocious and bloody.

Once again the trails of the future Wilkinsburg were trod by moccasined feet, carrying the red hatchets of war. The rapid trail between the Indian villages and the crossing on the Allegheny river at Verona and the Monongahela, at McKeesport, led through Crab Hollow, now Swissvale avenue, and the juncture of this trail and the Forbes road is the present corner of Penn and Swissvale avenues.

With the Indians on the warpath the white settlements were in serious danger and calls for protection were sent eastward to Philadelphia from Fort Detroit, Fort Pitt, the relay station at Bushy Run, and Fort Ligonier.

The English responded and Colonel Boquet was sent westward with a small force to quell what was thought to be a local disturbance but which was really one of the only five major Indian wars created by the Redskins (Pontiac's conspiracy, Tecumseh's War, Osceola's attempt, the Sioux War of Sitting Bull and Geronimo's Apache rebellion). Boquet's force, while eagerly marching to the relay station at Bushy Run, near what is now known as Harrison City, met a large, organized force of Delawares, Mingos, Shawnees and members of scattered northern tribes, all under the command of the famous chieftain, Guyasuta, Pontiac's foremost lieutenant, known as "Cornplanter". The attack was well planned and savagely fought but the gallant Swiss commander, Boquet, by military strategem, drew the superior Indian force into a trap and defeated them.

After the battle the Indians, disorganized, nevertheless, kept up a running skirmish with Boquet until he entered the Fort, 25 miles west.



Boquet, following the wisdom of General Forbes, divided his command, sending part of his troops down through the dangerous, narrow defiles of the Turtle Creek valley to clean out the Indians in its rugged hills, and the main body straight west to the site of Wilkinsburg where they met and moved to the relief of Fort Pitt.

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The old roads, one down over Penn avenue hill, and the other up from the Turtle Creek valley, have borne many of the famous personages of by-gone years.

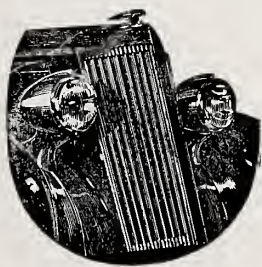
Aaron Burr, the debonair politician, was a passenger who alighted at the Rippeyville relay and decided it was not far enough west for his purpose. Jean Jacques Audubon and his bride, rattled down the hill in their westbound coach, the famous Frenchman peering out the windows looking for new and strange flora and fauna; those two intrepid explorers, Lewis and Clark came westward along this route, getting a breath of air and a feel of solid ground as their coach horses were changed at the tavern; the long lines of the wagons of the forty-niners, hauled by oxen or mules, plodded westward down the hill or up the Ardmore valley toward the gleaming riches of the Rockies; gaily through the town, on his way eastward and toward some decent tea, rode Charles Dickens, his mind full of new ideas, sights, plots and triumphs as he eagerly raced toward his beloved England.

Wilkinsburg might be likened to the buoy at a harbor's entrance. Past her has drifted and flowed the ebb and return of a great nation. Her resources and hospitality have been accepted and acknowledged by the great and humble.

Her two great roads still exist—still carry the ebb



and flow of the nation—the hospitality, rooted in the eighteenth century flourished and bloomed, nourished by one hundred and fifty years of care.—John McDowell



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# WILKINSBURG

## Early History

**W**ILKINSBURG first became the permanent home of the conquering white men during the hectic days of the Revolution.

The first known settler here, one Samuel A. Rippey and his wife, established a tavern constructed of logs and located on what is now Penn avenue. The Rippey tavern, with its favorable location on the Great Road attracted other settlers and by 1788 the settlement was sufficiently large to be known as Rippeyville. In that year Colonel Dunning McNair, brother of Mrs. Rippey, arrived here from the East, looked over the site, concluded it was good and purchased several large pieces of land, covering most of the extent of the present borough.

In 1790, Colonel McNair laid out the first plan of lots, changed the name of the small settlement to McNairsville, thus officially launching Wilkinsburg.

Describing the early settlement of the town, Harry C. Gilchrist in his "History of Wilkinsburg", declares that McNair soon rose to financial and political eminence in Western Pennsylvania. As the laird of the manor hereabouts, he built himself a suitable home in what is now the Third Ward, named it "Dumpling Hall" and from its spacious interior radiated the social and business life of the community.

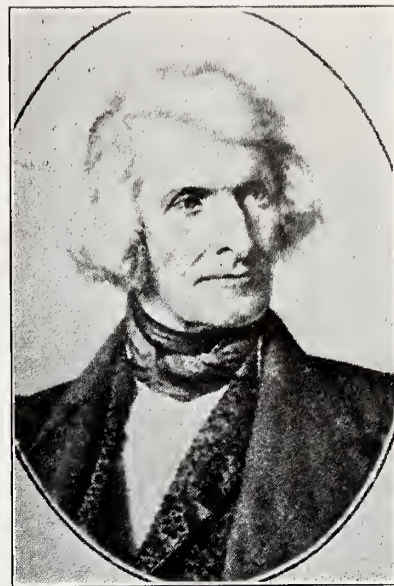
Over the village, appropriately situated high on the eastern ridge, was (and still is) old mother Beulah church from which emanated the religious life, the culture, and many of the pleasures of the tiny hamlet. The site of religious services almost continually from the time the chaplain of Forbes army comforted the pioneer soldiers, Beulah was the development of what was earlier known as Bullock Pens and then Pitt's township and was given its present name in 1804 when the redstone Presbytery was organized.

Colonel McNair, in his old age, fell upon evil days, and died in 1825 in his beloved Dumpling Hall, all that remained of his once great estate.

The community acquired another citizen about this time, James Kelly, born in 1794, a few miles north of town.

Mr. Kelly was to live, prosper and also die penniless in Wilkinsburg, but to bequeath to the Borough its character and its ideals; the wise foresight of this splendid man and his unusual generosity are enjoyed today by the thirty thousand souls who live within her borders.

Almost completely lacking in education, Mr. Kelly nevertheless, from a meagre start, acquired thousands of acres here. He rose to riches and prominence and was connected with al-



**JUDGE WILLIAM WILKINS**  
Born December 20, 1779, Carlisle, Pa.  
Died June 23, 1865  
Wilkinsburg was named after him.

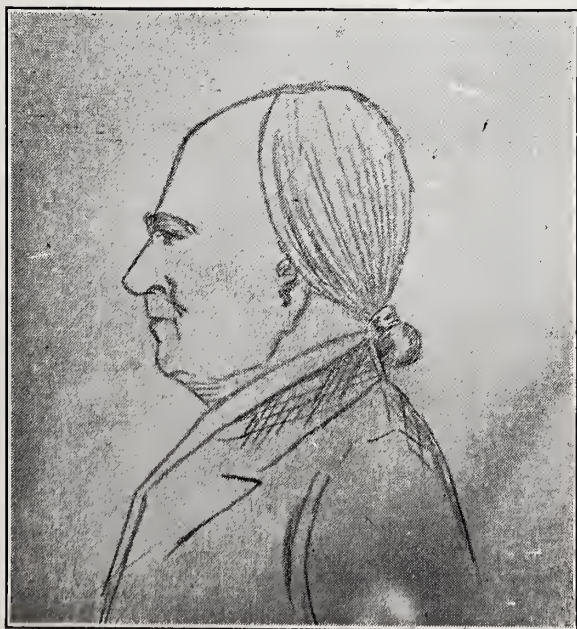
most every business, financial, religious and civic activity in Wilkinsburg for the next half century.

Although not a churchman, Mr. Kelly, or "Old Jimmy" as he was termed, donated the land for most of the churches of all denominations, the two homes for the aged and the schools of the Borough.

He was the good angel to many early citizens who sought and received the power of his name to borrow and erect homes and businesses of their own. At the height of his power and influence, the City of Pittsburgh, by a quirk in the laws, annexed the detached village of Wilkinsburg and the citizens here lost their independence.

Kelly believed this unwise and, unable to convince his neighbors of this, he entered the battle single-handed. At his own expense he employed the best lawyers available and, after a long court fight, which was finally terminated in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, the doughty old man won and Wilkinsburg, in 1871, again returned to its independence as Sterret township.

Gilchrist paints a beautiful picture of this grand old man in his history, "—in the month of September, 1882, when the leaves were taking on their golden hue and when life itself seemed ebbing from the earth, James Kelly gathered his robes around him and fell asleep. Thus Wilkinsburg lost her foremost and perhaps her noblest citizen. His vision was splendid. He seemed to dream of a town that would be unique. He labored himself and sent one of his



**JAMES KELLY**

Born October 31, 1794

Died September 29, 1882

Once Wilkinsburg's foremost citizen and perhaps her greatest benefactor.





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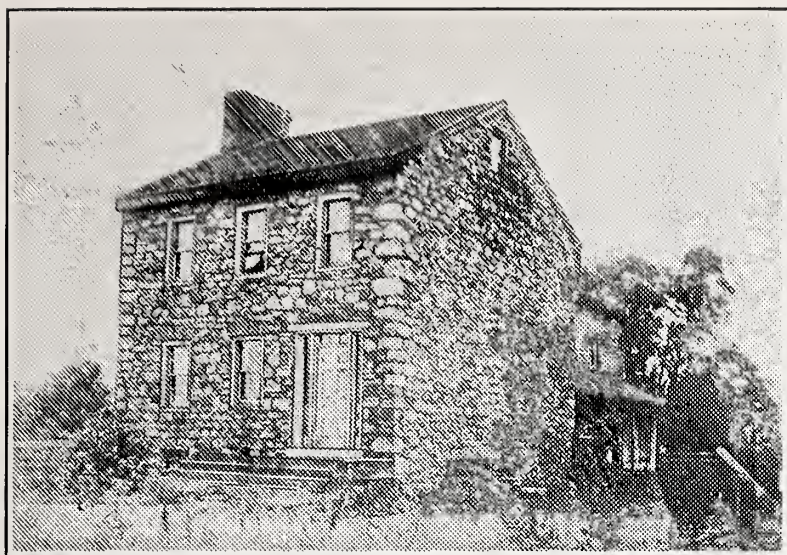


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**DUMPLING HALL—ERECTED BY COL. DUNNING McNAIR**  
About 1790—Razed in 1905—Home of Dunning McNair and James Kelly

employees (Thomas Russell, who recently died) with the first petition to make it a dry town. It was to be a religious town, and to that end he donated ground for the majority, perhaps all, of the churches up to the time of his death. He favored schools and once maintained a private school in Dumpling Hall for his own family and for the public. He advanced the money for the first public school built here in 1840. He thought of the aged and unfortunate, donating grounds, for homes for them and these are now flourishing in our midst. He had within his grasp and control what might have been a mighty fortune, but it passed from him. All his land cost but a few thousand dollars, yet Wilkinsburg's valuation today is about seventy-five million dollars. He lived for more than three

score years and saw his town grow, but only after it had passed into the hands of others. As he approached four score years, his dreams were shattered and his plans came tumbling down upon him like a house of cards. He wrought well for others but could not save himself. Wilkinsburg owes much to this man's memory for he did more than any other in preparing the ground work for her foundation, which has enabled her to build strong and powerful, giving her a unique place among the other boroughs of the state. He died a poor man and is buried in the churchyard at Beulah—"

During the lifetime of McNair and Kelly, the Wilkinses also flourished here and from this distinguished family the town received its name. There has been a difference of opinion for more

than fifty years as to whether the town was named for John or William Wilkins.

John was a large property holder, a prominent citizen, but held no public office and was said to be of a retiring disposition.

William, however, was one of the best-known Americans of his day. He was wealthy, a national political leader and a world-famous statesman and his great mansion "Homewood" was located near the present Homewood cemetery.

Judge Wilkins was a judge of the county courts, one of the founders of and the first president of the Bank of Pittsburgh, legislator, state senator, minister to Russia in the administration of President Tyler and reached the heights of his public career by becoming Secretary of War under that president.

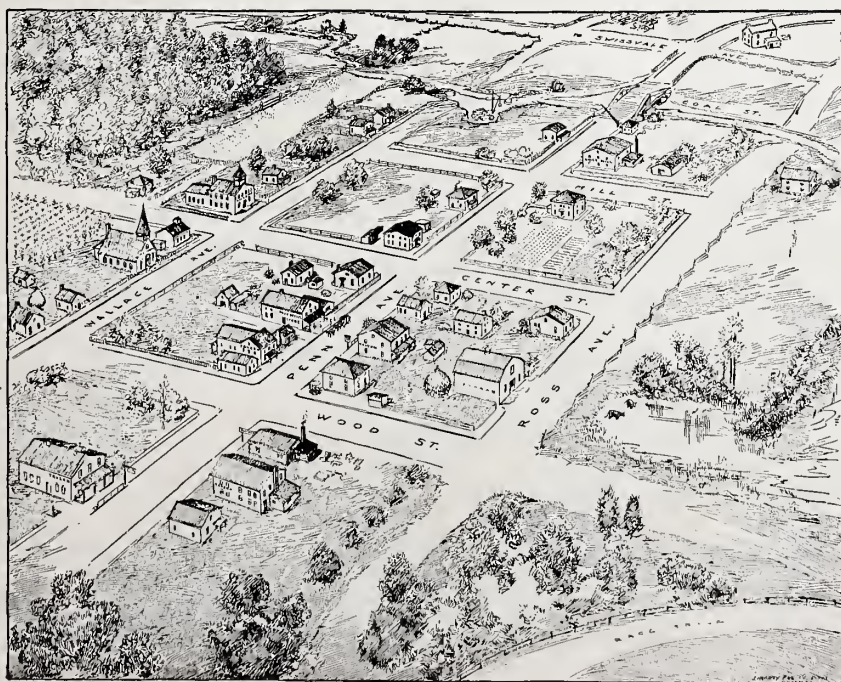


**ONE OF THE FIRST BICYCLES**

"Homewood" was the seat of many activities and the Great Road through Wilkinsburg carried many distinguished travelers to the hospitable fireside of the famous man.

Agitation to create a borough out of the village began in 1886 and within a year the necessary preliminaries had been completed. After some dissension among the residents, which finally wound up in the courts, on October 5, 1887 the long struggle was over and Wilkinsburg formally came into being.

On December 3, 1887, the Court by decree fixed the third Tuesday of February, 1888, as the date of the first election for borough officers and appointed as election officers: William G. Stewart, Judge; and S. B. Donaldson and A. Fred Stoner, Inspectors. The first election was very spirited and the election resulted in the choice for Bur-



**ARTIST'S MEMORY SKETCH BY WM. TURNER, SR. OF WILKINSBURG IN 1840**



gess of Rev. C. W. Smith, D. D. Dr. Smith was then editor of the Methodist Christian Advocate and later a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church. There were six members of council elected as follows: Thomas W. McCune, James A. Wilson, William Anderson, Sr., R. W. Beatty, George W. Eagye and R. A. Balph. Of these men only James A. Wilson is still living.

The first meeting of council was held in the parlor of Dr. Smith's home in Wilkinsburg on March 1, 1888. All the members were present. T. D. Turner was elected and served as the first treasurer of the Borough.

The merits of many candidates for street commissioner were discussed. The record shows that the members of council "all concurred in the opinion that the office required a practical man, one not afraid to work, one who could handle a pick and shovel and attend personally to the duties of the position". The salary which the possessor of all these qualities was to command was fixed at \$45.00 a month. Mr. Benjamin Marsh was the successful candidate and held office for a number of years.

A. W. Duff was the first borough solicitor and W. G. Wilkins the first engineer.

From the date of its incorporation, the community rapidly advanced in both numbers and accomplishments and, in due course of time, streets were paved, lighting installed, fire and police companies organized and the growing pains of a healthy community were experienced by the citizens.

In December of 1897, Burgess Horner suggested that the town observe the one hundredth birthday of its founding and, after much preparation, this was



A STYLISH MAIDEN IN 1887

done the following June. It was a gala time, with a great parade, containing six bands, much speaking, a banquet in a large tent and appropriately concluded

with fireworks the night of June 25th, 1898.

Burgess Horner's predecessor, C. C. McClain, resigned his office in 1897 to organize a company of Wilkinsburg volunteers, and to lead them throughout the Spanish American war. Major McClain is still living and is now an official of Indiana county.

In 1912 the Silver Anniversary was celebrated. The highlight of this great event was the parade. Many floats, decorated profusely with bunting, flowers and pretty girls were in the line of march. Organizations of every type and description had their representatives there. Athletic events, baseball games, band concerts and a huge barbecue were events that residents of that day long remembered.

In 1916 the three murderous railroad crossings of the Pennsylvania mainline were eliminated, after many deaths, and one of the most needed improvements Wilkinsburg ever acquired was completed.

In 1917 and 1918 the town distinguished itself in the eyes of the nation by sending more young men to the National Colors during the World War than any other community in America in proportion to its population. This fact was recognized by both Secretary of War Newton D. Baker and the American commander, General John J. Pershing.

Wilkinsburg has lived with the Nation.

Since the small tavern of Rippey the years have witnessed the community creeping outward and upward and the original community is now a great, thriving residential city of thirty thousand people.



OLD SINGER MANSION ERECTED BY JOHN F. SINGER ABOUT 1865

In 1937 Still Occupied, on Singer Place.



# WILKINSBURG

## Today

**T**HE Borough of Wilkinsburg, in Allegheny county, Western Pennsylvania, has a population of more than 30,000 residents and including some 6,000 homes on its miles of streets and boulevards.

The town borders the City of Pittsburgh for nearly two miles along the western and northern Borough line. On the south and southeast border lie the Boroughs of Swissvale and Edgewood. Directly east is Penn and Wilkins townships, both areas include the beginnings of the rolling Western Pennsylvania foothills that rise to the Allegheny mountain heights some miles out.

Penn Avenue, which bisects the town, is the junction point for two of the greatest highways of America, the Lincoln and the William Penn, and at Lincoln square, in the eastern part of Wilkinsburg, these two great roads of commerce and pleasure branch off to cross the mountains through convenient water gaps to the Eastern Coast.

A few statistics of the town, carefully compiled, are the best advertising the community has. They follow:

Native White Residents.....	90%
Colored Residents .....	2%
Foreign Born White .....	8%
Population Maintaining	
Telephones .....	85%
Insurance .....	92%
Radios .....	95%
Automobiles .....	55%

The R. L. Polk Company, most famous compilers of community data in the world, in a survey of the Wilkinsburg area, has the following rating for the buying power of the District:

Class A .....	3.05%
Class B .....	47.00%
Class C .....	49.95%

Class A includes those who can afford and do pay high prices in their daily purchasing. Class B includes those of the middle class who buy with care but demand quality. Class C includes those who are considered in a lower buying class. In the Polk survey, Wilkinsburg was included with several industrial districts having a great number of Class C buyers. It is estimated by Wilkinsburg merchants that the substantial, middle-class, Class B buyers, include eighty per cent of the population of the town.

A large proportion of the population here is employed directly or indirectly with the great Westinghouse Interests, located at East Pittsburgh, five miles southeast.

Wilkinsburg is a residential town, not including any major industry within its borders but situated exactly in the center of a circle of a large number of the greatest industrial plants of the world.

The town, despite its proximity to the great metropolis of Pittsburgh, has retained its individuality for seventy-five years and is a complete community in itself.

It maintains a fine hotel, The Penn-Lincoln, which is locally owned. The Penn-Lincoln is situated on Penn



Avenue which carries both the William Penn and the Lincoln Highways. It has 150 rooms.

Wilkinsburg maintains a weekly newspaper—The Wilkinsburg Gazette; a shopping publication—The Wilkinsburg Shopper; and a motor club publication—The Wilkinsburg Motorist; Woodlawn, a beautiful cemetery, located on the slope of William Penn Hill within the Borough limits; the Wilkinsburg Playground Association, and all of the other features that go into the making of complete community life.

It also has one of the most active Auto Clubs in Pennsylvania. Headquarters are in the Penn-Lincoln Hotel.

### Health Record

Wilkinsburg, because of the constant inspection and thorough precautions against disease taken by local authorities, enjoys one of the finest health records in Pennsylvania. According to State statistics the Borough has the lowest infant mortality record in the Keystone State and this is possible because of the weekly milk inspection by Borough chemists.

The water supply is analyzed every day in the year other than Sundays and holidays, and local health records show no typhoid cases within the community since 1910.

A Board of Health, including eminent physicians, meets at regular intervals to discuss matters pertaining to the community health and a health officer is employed to daily inspect meat markets, restaurants and all possible sources of disease.

The Columbia Hospital, an old-established but thoroughly modern institution, equipped with a brilliant staff of physicians and nurses, occupies a full block near the heart of town. There is also another competent private hospital, The Wilkinsburg Private Hospital.





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in a few minutes once a week with your vacuum cleaner.

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### Taxes

The taxpayers of Wilkinsburg enjoy one of the lowest municipal and school tax rates in Pennsylvania although its municipal government is charged with the governing of nearly \$80,000,000 worth of taxable property and the School System has been pointed out many times as being one of the three finest east of the Mississippi.

The 1937 school tax rate is 14 mills.

The municipal tax rate is now 11 mills.

### Business District

The Business District is concentrated in an area embracing approximately ten blocks and most of the streets in this portion of town are lined with every type of mercantile establishment.

Wilkinsburg's merchants offer the wares of the world over the counters and the competition necessary to keep pace with the gigantic stores of the metropolis nearby, has developed an excellent class of stores and shops and places the price angle on a delicately balanced margin.

The Borough is the focal point for many surrounding communities which have no business areas and the local merchants enjoy the advantages of being able to serve a buying territory of an estimated number of one hundred thousand people.

The Chamber of Commerce, through its constant surveillance of Borough tradesmen, protect the consumer from the frauds and crooks who are a constant menace to every prosperous community.

### Transportation

The Community enjoys every type of ready transportation in and out of Wilkinsburg to every part of the nation.

A number of different routes of the Pittsburgh Street Railways Co., either terminate or pass through town and these routes cover practically all of eastern Allegheny county. Wilkinsburg is included in the Pittsburgh fare zone which gives the passenger transportation to the heart of the city from any part of Wilkinsburg for one fare.

The main line of the Pennsylvania railroad, all elevated, bisects the Borough and the company has erected for the town one of the finest and most modern stations on the Pennsylvania system. Trains enter and leave the Wilkinsburg station at any hour of the day and evening.

A large freight yard, protected from view by an ornamental brick and chain wall, provides excellent facilities for the shipper.

The William Penn and the Lincoln Highways are the well-known carriers of many coast-to-coast motorbus lines which radiate to every portion of the North American continent. All of these various lines have stopping points in Wilkinsburg and there is a constant parade of gigantic motor buses in both directions through town.

The Pittsburgh Motor Coach Co., subsidiary of the Street Railways Co., maintain coach lines in the Borough. These buses leave every few minutes for various points in Pittsburgh.

### Libraries

Wilkinsburg has not been lax in providing her citizens with a ready source of information as to the world's progress. A public library is maintained and ably administered by a staff consisting of a Librarian and seven assistants. This library contains twenty-nine thousand volumes and is maintained by funds derived from taxation. In addition to these permanent volumes, there is received over 117 daily, weekly and monthly periodicals. Constructive new ideas on world thought are constantly being added to the shelves as are also volumes of lighter reading.

### Field and Stream

Wilkinsburg's proximity to the recreational facilities of Pennsylvania afford ample opportunities to the lover of the outdoors. Twenty-five miles east begins the paradise of mountain forest and rushing stream and rugged beauty that has made the State of Pennsylvania famous.



A Corner in the Senior Library room devoted to the Juvenile Department, before the Evening Section of the Woman's Club secured and furnished the room shown opposite.



The Juvenile Department of the Wilkinsburg Library today. On the ground floor of the Westinghouse Club building on Pennwood Avenue. The creation of this room was the 1936-37 project of the Evening Section of the Woman's Club of Wilkinsburg.





DR. W. C. COOK  
Director



GEO. C. BLAIR  
Treasurer



WM. J. DUNKLE  
President



1906



# WILKINSBURG A

Organized October 25, 1906

MEMBERSHIP FEE \$1.00. 1906 SERVICE INCLUDED:

GLASS PATROL—LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY—ROAD REPAIRS—SPEED REGULATION: NOT OVER 20 MILES PER HOUR—USE OF PENNSYLVANIA AND OHIO MAPS HUNG UPON WALLS OF CLUBROOM.

## CHARTER MEMBERS

	CAR
Dr. W. R. Stephens .....	Winton
S. L. Smith .....	Oldsmobile
Dr. W. C. Cook .....	Franklin
S. J. Leezer .....	Auto-Car
F. A. Hugo .....	Stoddard-Dayton
W. F. Youngk .....	Cadillac
Edward Jenkins .....	Reliance
Frank McCoombs .....	Cadillac
H. B. Naylor .....	White Steamer
A. J. Puffingburg .....	Elmore
Roy Wise .....	Lambert

H. D. Hasson .....	Franklin
R. S. Faris .....	Pope Waverly Electric
Edgar Paternall .....	Reo
Dr. McNall .....	Auto-Car
H. C. Beagle .....	Elmore
J. F. McCautrey .....	Gearless
Alfred Cahen .....	Buick
A. B. Rynders .....	Auto-Car
Dr. Flint .....	Auto-Car
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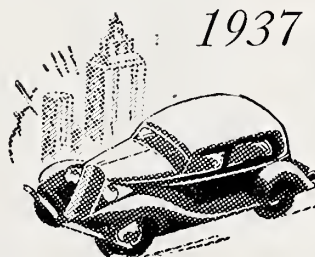


GEO. W. MILLER  
Secretary



E. BRADBURY  
Director

# WILKSBURG AUTOMOBILE CLUB



1937

Incorporated May 6, 1916

MEMBERSHIP FEE—Entrance \$2.50; Dues \$7.50

1937 SERVICE INCLUDES:

Membership in the Wilksburg Automobile Club, Pennsylvania Motor Federation, and the American Automobile Association.

Bail Bond up to \$5,000, by National Surety Corp.

Emergency Road Service Anywhere Up to 10 Miles.

Claims and Adjustments. Travel Bureau. Road Conditions. Auto and Trailer Camps.

3A Emblem for your Car. An Added Asset. Notary Public Service—Any Affidavit.

Personal Automobile Accident Policy, from \$1,000 to \$1,500 in case of death by Automobile.

\$15.00 per week for 13 weeks in case of an accident. Nation Wide Service. Special

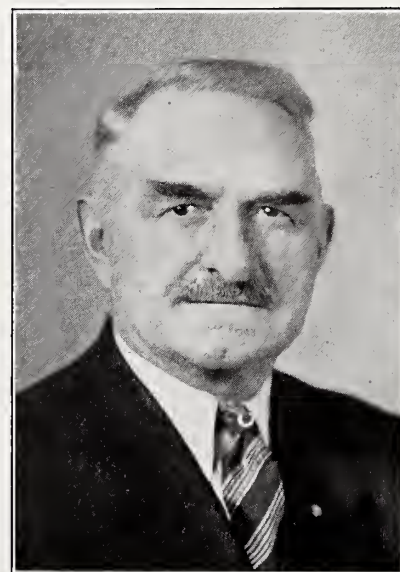
License Plate Service. 24 Hour Service. Theft Reward for Arrest and Conviction of

Person Stealing Car. School Safety Patrol. Protecting the lives of School Children.

Safety Lessons and Posters for the Schools of this District. Better Traffic Planning.

Highway Safety. Better Roads. Defeat of Unfavorable Legislation. Elimination of Speed

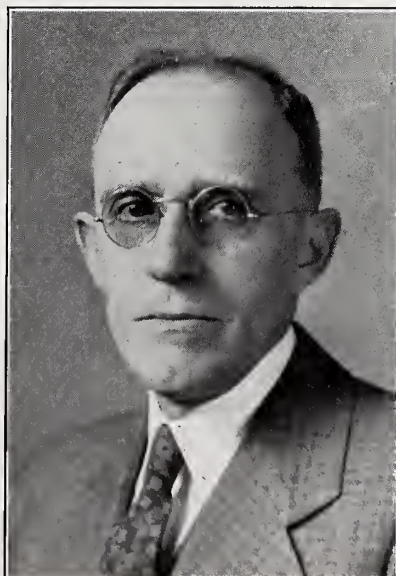
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C. W. KEARNS  
Director



BERNICE E. REDMAN  
Assistant to the Secretary



C. E. WOLFORD  
Director



L. E. SCHUMACHER  
Director





WALTER BEACHY

# BEACHY

## Motor Co.

333 Penn Ave. Ch 5000

"THE HOUSE OF GOOD WILL"



IRVIN BEACHY

**I**N June, 1923, Irvin J. Beachy and Walter A. Beachy came to Wilkinsburg from Grantsville, Maryland, and obtained positions with the Westinghouse. The brothers remained in the employ of this company but a short time when Irvin located with the Baker Motor Company, Ford dealer at 333 Penn Avenue, Wilkinsburg. Walter secured a position with the Federal Government, as Custom Inspector in Pittsburgh, under Mr. Thompson of Franklin Avenue, Wilkinsburg.

Irvin was with the Baker Motor Company from 1923 until November, 1926, and while there it was a struggle for existence; for as a salesman, he had to furnish his own car and maintain its upkeep. But each year he was able to increase his earnings in sales and thus proved to himself that it was in the automobile business where he wanted to try for a career.

In the fall of 1926, Irvin decided to go into business with Charles Johnston, who was then the manager of the Baker Motor Company. They opened their business under the name of Beachy & Johnston Motor Company at 916 Penn Avenue, Wilkinsburg. (This property was known as the Old Grist Mill.) They handled the franchise of the Willys Knight and Willys Overland cars. Later Mr.

Johnston withdrew from the business and it became known as the Beachy Motor Company. The first car was sold to I. G. Poole of 916 South Avenue, Wilkinsburg. About March, 1927, Walter A. Beachy resigned from his government position and joined in partnership with his brother, Irvin. The firm continued under the name of The Beachy Motor Company.

For six years the business developed under the Willys Overland Agency. Then came the depression—and in February, 1933, the Willys Overland Company went into receivership and thus made it necessary for the Beachy Motor Company to secure a new franchise.

In April of the same year, the company became associated with the Chrysler Corporation,—representing the Dodge Division in Wilkinsburg.

In 1935, the business had expanded to such a degree that it was necessary to find a larger and better equipped building in order to give better service to the public. The company moved to 333 Penn Avenue, Wilkinsburg, in the same building where Irvin had started out as a salesman in 1923. This is the oldest automobile agency in Wilkinsburg.

The company started with a personnel of five, and now has a total of thirty employees.



Employees of the Beachy Motor Company, August 20, 1937, reading from left to right: Wilbur D. Payne, Emerson Stoner, Howard Maddock, James Snyder, Harry T. Hickman, Mrs. Mazie Erb, Miss Esther Farren, James Buckwalter, Louis K. Miller, Irvin J. Beachy, Leo Barrett, G. W. Rainey, Roscoe Dungan, Joseph Reott, Robert Bradley, Norman Cotter, Darwin Miller, Frank Barker, Harold Meyer, Carl Edstrom, David Davis, Frank Brown, Ralph Conwell.

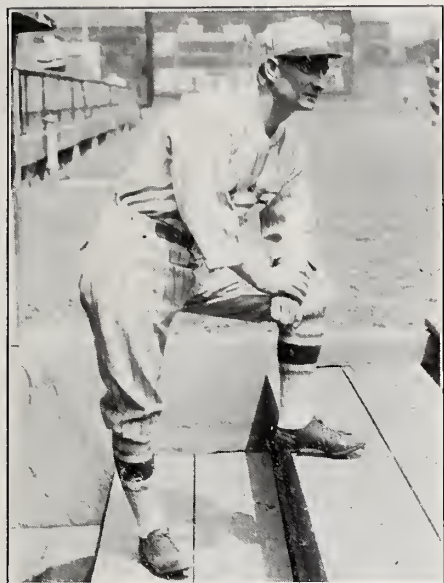
Employees not shown on the picture are as follows: Miss Jane Long, Walter A. Beachy, Joseph Kish, John J. Alberts, Albert Hartshorn, Timothy Carey, and Harvey A. Wallace.

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# PERSONALITIES

## *Round the Town*



WILLIAM B. McKECHNIE



HARRY C. GILCHRIST



DR. MICHAEL J. BUCK

**W**ILKINSBURG's most famous son—known from Tokio to Teheran as "Wilkinsburg Bill"—born and reared here—has played baseball from the first day his chubby hand could grasp one—began professional life in a local laundry—has been cleaning things up ever since—first professional berth at Butler, Pa.—moved around a bit and landed with the Pittsburgh Pirates—playing third base—here and there in a baseball uniform from 1907 until 1922 when he took over the helm of the Pirates—won a league flag and the world series in 1925—sold to the Cardinals as manager—won another league flag and the world series again in 1928—exiled to Siberia for being too good and has managed the Boston Braves now known as the Boston Bees ever since—probably the most sincerely-liked official ever in organized baseball—in all of his wanderings he clung to his passionate love of his old home town—owns one of the prettiest homes here—sang for years in the choir of Mifflin Methodist Church—would rather hunt than eat—owns one of the best setters in the State—dislikes to make speeches—is happily married and has two sons and two daughters—is one of our most valuable assets.

**T**RAVELER — lecturer—author—writer—vigorously played the part of a good citizen in Wilkinsburg for nearly half a century—author of "The History of Wilkinsburg"—newspaper feature writer for years—owns a general insurance agency—has delivered more lectures on more topics than even he remembers—has traveled the length and breadth of the Continent many times by rail, motor or foot—ardent horticulturist and is magic with earth and seeds—owns the loveliest vista in the Pennsylvania mountains and keeps open house there—staunch churchman and defender of the Scriptures—is married and father of two daughters—has been in forefront of all religious movements in town—has a matchless library of photographs made all over America—retires at intervals to the dim fastnesses of the West Virginia mountains and emerges with a new basket of manuscripts.

Buy and Bank  
in  
Wilkinsburg

A Modern  
Community

**D**R. Michael Joseph Buck is the most colorful individual in Wilkinsburg—at 85 is the oldest practicing surgeon in the world—has been a graduate surgeon for 65 years—being licensed before his twentieth year—holds the sole distinction of degrees from four famous institutions, Jefferson, Hahneman, Johns-Hopkins and the University of Vienna—is the only living person who spent a week in the White House with Abraham Lincoln—sat next to the great President at the table—sponsored by the famous War Governor Andrew G. Curtin—sat in the historical conferences of the Northern Governors at Altoona as a lad of 12 in 1864—surgeon in the Turkish and Bulgarian armies—has performed every sort of operation and is still operating daily—possesses the only set of gold surgical needles ever made—too soft for use they are museum pieces—speaks German, French, Turkish and Austrian—son of a sheriff of Cambria county—was an aide to the immortal Lister when the great English surgeon made his historic discovery of the needs of antiseptic—office is a museum of interesting objects—has 30 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren—is writing in longhand a biography of his life and career to be titled "The Country Doctor"—bright and keen as a whip—eyesight and hearing excellent and nerves as firm as a rock—fondest memory is the kindly Lincoln's asides at the dinner table.



# Keeping Abreast of the Times

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# *The* PENN-LINCOLN HOTEL

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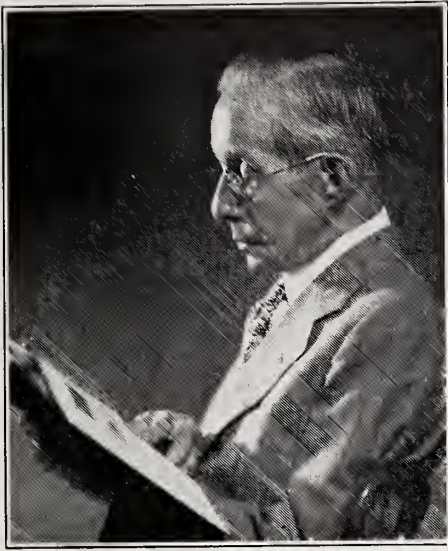
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W. B. Wylie



# PERSONALITIES

*Round the Town*



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JAMES A. WILSON

**T**HE only living member of Wilkinsburg's first council, organized 1887—came here to build the old Black homestead on the Great Road—58 years ago—has been here since—building houses—serving on various directorial boards—was one of the originators of the Pennsylvania Water Company—has been a real estate operator—proprietor of a lumber yard—owner of a planing mill in his day here—native of Butler County—owned one of the first automobiles in Western Pennsylvania—was familiar with old Jimmy Kelly in bygone days and has some interesting lore about the old commoner—tore down Dumpling Hall and used its historic stones in the erection of several other houses in Wilkinsburg—is in his eighties and as active and keen as a youth—heartily enjoys life and tales of the town when it was in the kerosene and buggy era—has been a fisherman in Georgian Bay for thirty years—two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



JOHN McDOWELL  
The Country Editor

**F**IRST and foremost a newspaper man—entered upon that dubious "career" on or somewhere near his fifth year—attained his aspiration as the "Country Editor" when he became chief of the Wilkinsburg Progress ten years back. Acquired ownership of the Progress in 1933 from the late Congressman Clyde Kelly—rechristened it the Wilkinsburg Gazette. Has an active side-line, politics, ever in, with and about him. Likes after-dinner speaking and has been given an opportunity to display his talents. A family man. Books from here, there and everywhere—a persistent collector of junk. Has a yen for peculiar office decorations including Landon buttons and a Malay kris. Knows the better part of the North American Continent well, in particular all the out-of-the-way crannies of historical interest. "Squire" at twenty-one and adjudicator of the world's troubles ever since.



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JAKE FRY

**O**NLY Jake and the dusty Borough records hold the secret of his long years on the police force—a native—born here seventy-odd years ago—was a mule skinner in a mine for some years—was brakeman on a one-mile railroad that ran somewhere up Swissvale Avenue—is Wilkinsburg's best known citizen—is also Wilkinsburg's most popular citizen—has been refusing police promotions for forty years—is as much a part of the corner as the bank building—countless old ladies of town refuse to be helped over the crossing by anybody but Jake—is addicted to corncob pipes and has been using the same one since the Maine was sunk—his gruff, forbidding exterior covers a gentle heart that has endeared him to his town—is a free thinker politically—on rare occasions he will mount a mule—and only a mule—and lead a parade—has experienced every adventure a veteran policeman could—and is a gold mine of interesting yarns.

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## *Would you dispute* the Right of Way?

**T**HE record of highway-railroad crossing casualties in the United States proves that many motorists do.

While grade separation is the only completely "fool-proof" solution of the highway crossing problem, separation of the more than 230,000 existing crossings in the United States, or even of the most important ones, is economically impossible.

Many crossings are provided with some measure of protection. In recent years the automatic flashing light highway crossing signal has been recognized by municipal, county, state, federal and railroad authorities as the method giving the highest degree of protection, next to separation. It is important that you voluntarily obey the

indications of such signals! They are to be recognized just as the motorist obeys the upraised arm and hand of the traffic policeman—as the motorist obeys the indications of traffic lights. In ignoring the warnings of these flashing light crossing signals, simply because you will not be arrested or fined, you are jeopardizing not only your safety and that of your passengers, but also the life and property of others.

Obey all highway crossing warning signs and signal indications so that the highest possible percentage of Wilkinsburg citizens may celebrate many more Borough anniversaries. Play safe: Cross Crossings Cautiously!

### In 1916

In 1916 Wilkinsburg celebrated the elimination of all highway-railroad crossings in the Borough. Today, on its Golden Jubilee, the Borough is fortunately still without a grade crossing.



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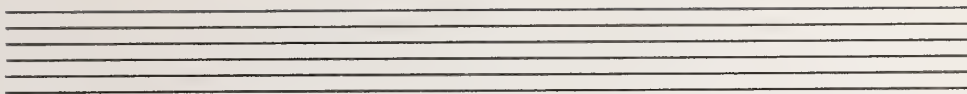
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So build your Community that quickened conscience, larger vision,  
deeper devotion and equality of rights for all men will resolve it-  
self into an enthusiastic zeal for personal service to the Community.

All who give such service are torch bearers.





*It takes a lot of dying and living and working to produce  
A Country Newspaper*



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THE STAFF

From Left to Right—Russell Hickey, circulation; Stewart Townsend, business manager; John McDowell, Country Editor; Elizabeth Pratt, Society Editor; Arthur Swoger, Staff Photographer; Frank Mitchell, assistant in circulation.

Each edition records the complete cycle of life, birth, growth, marriage, achievement, deeds, misdeeds—the state of government—the state of commerce—ideas, opinions, and finally death— —

All of this is your weekly Gazette. We try to keep it a keen reflector of the weekly history of the Wilkinsburg district with a tart dash of Country Editor thrown in for a “lifter”. That, at least, is what we’re aiming for

in

# THE WILKINSBURG GAZETTE

*“in EVERY home in town”*



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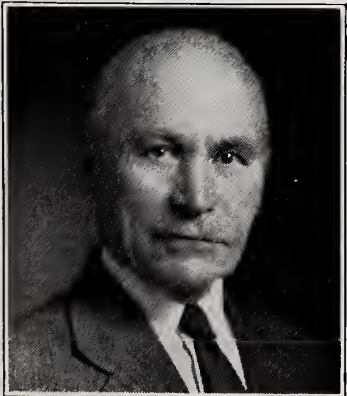
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Fire Chief



**JOHN C. DEAL**  
Secretary

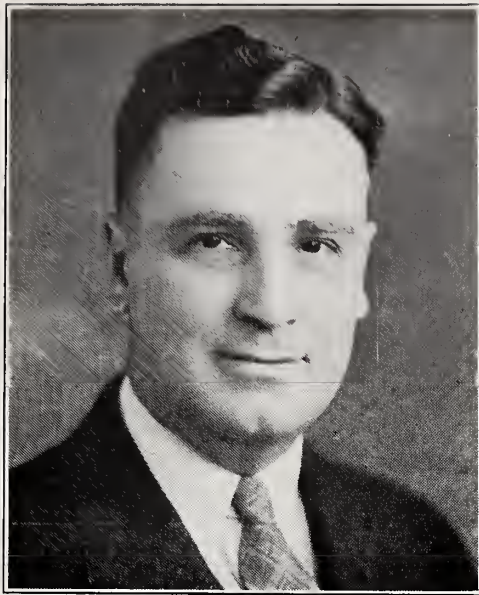


**WALTER ELDER**  
Tax Collector



**CHARLES F. SPERLING**  
Engineer

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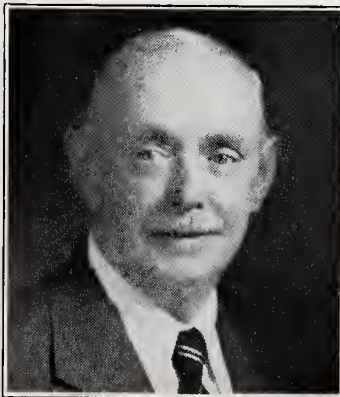
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**HERBERT PATTERSON**  
Solicitor

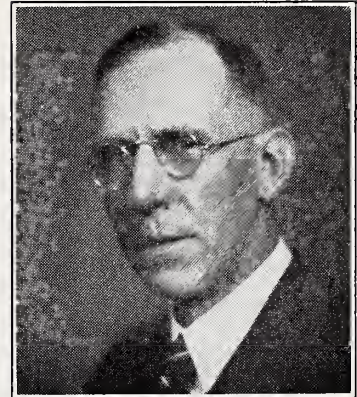


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Plumbing Inspector

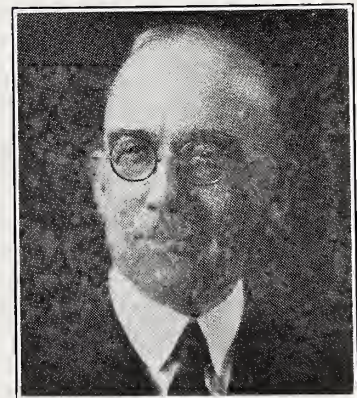
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**JAMES HARRIS**  
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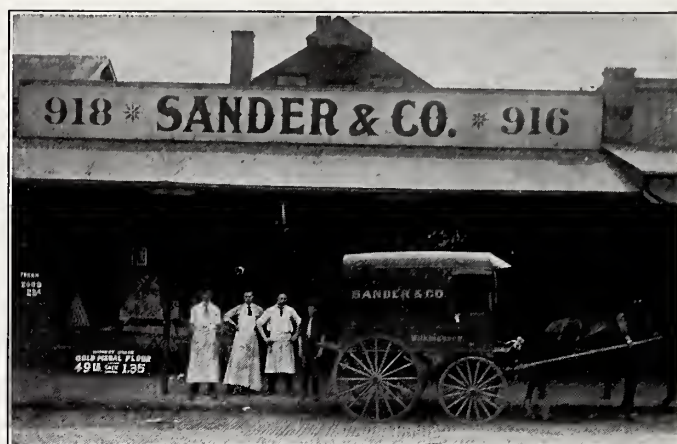
**J. M. SNYDER**  
Health Officer



# 42 YEARS AGO

*in Front of "The Olde Grist Mill"*

—at 916-918 Penn Avenue near Coal Street Charles A. Sander founded the grocery store pictured at the right. The building that is shown rising from the rear is the old grist mill, probably the oldest building in Wilkinsburg today. So well did this store serve its patrons that from this humble start Herbert L. Sander, son of



the founder has developed one of the leading independent grocery organizations in Western Pennsylvania. Van's Markets, located at 720 Penn Avenue and pictured to the left is one of the four units making up this group. Maintaining a Quality, Service and Price policy it stands as the Most Complete Food Store in Wilkinsburg. Van's Markets extend to the borough of Wilkinsburg and its Residents Best Wishes and Success in celebrating its 50th Anniversary.

## VAN'S MARKETS, Inc.

HERBERT L. SANDER, SR., President  
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PAUL D. THARP, Manager

H. L. SANDER, JR., Vice-President  
MAURICE VILSACK, Treasurer

720 PENN AVENUE

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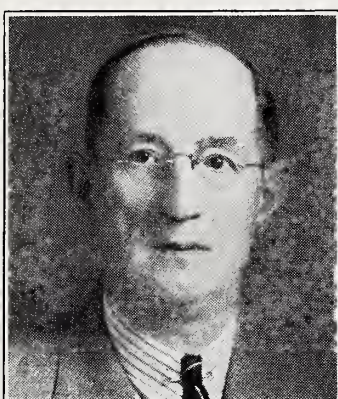


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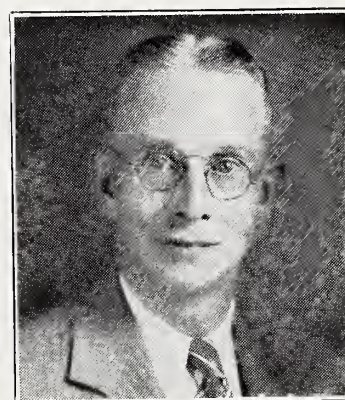
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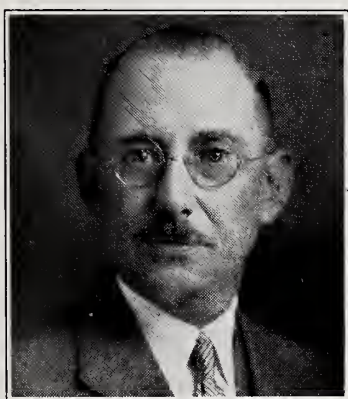
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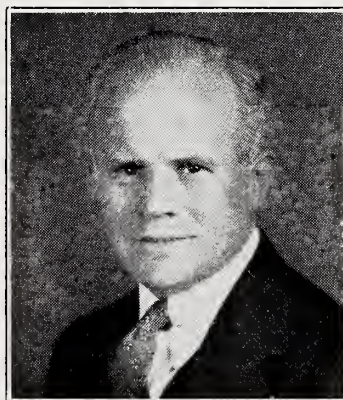
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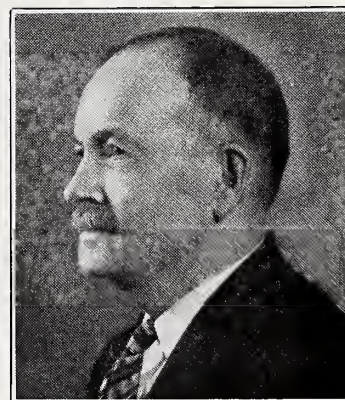
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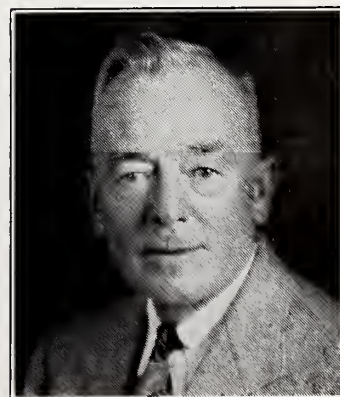
RAY MAXWELL  
Third Ward

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**C**OUNCIL of the Borough of Wilkinsburg consists of 9 men elected by the people and serving 4 year terms.

There are 3 Councilmen representing each of the three wards comprising the Borough.

The members of Council do not receive any compensation for their services. Council meets the second Monday of each month. It is the duty of Council to enact, revise, repeal and amend such laws, rules, regulations and ordinances not inconsistent with the laws of the Commonwealth as it shall deem beneficial to the Borough and to provide for the enforcement of same.



AL K. ROBINSON  
Third Ward



# WAREHAM'S

REBECCA AVENUE AT CENTER STREET

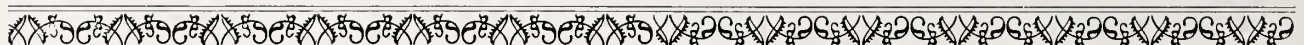


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# THE WILKINSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT



Seated—(Left to Right) Geo. Isett, Desk Sergeant; James Harris, Chief of Police; Wm. P. Yocum, Burgess; Winslow Nicholls, Acting Lieutenant; Enos Dorr, Desk Sergeant.  
Standing—Frank Thomson, Wm. Schano, D. H. Rankin, G. Gillette, Edwin Hall, George Tucker, James Bricker, Chas. Bainbridge, Wm. Daw, Arch. MacNiven, Jacob Fry, Bliss Zener, Chas. Trace.

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Lt. Charles  
DeObre  
Missing Above

THE Wilkinsburg Police Department as now constituted consists of a Chief, Lieutenant, two Sergeants and thirteen Patrolmen, all under direct supervision of the Burgess. Eleven additional men are carried as School Police Officers and are constantly on duty during school season.

The Department is equipped with 1 radio patrol car, 2 radio motorcycles and one modern patrol wagon and ambulance, especially designed to meet our requirements. At frequent strategic points on our streets are placed police telegraph-telephone boxes for communication between the station house and the officers on the streets. Three call bells are placed at important points for emergency calls.

This department located upon the two main highways of the state is an important point in the State typewriter system, and has contributed in a large measure to the results shown by this system.

In criminal investigation the department is organized

along modern lines and under the present administration has charged to the front in identification by fingerprinting, and other well known methods. The files of the department contain complete criminal histories, descriptions, accomplices and methods of operation of our known criminals, all case records being cross indexed to connect them with all contributing factors in the histories of criminal gangs which have passed through the department.

During the present administration the number of crimes cleared by arrest or other solution has reached a very high percentage. A number of large and well organized gangs have been broken up and imprisoned through the efforts of the department in the last few years.

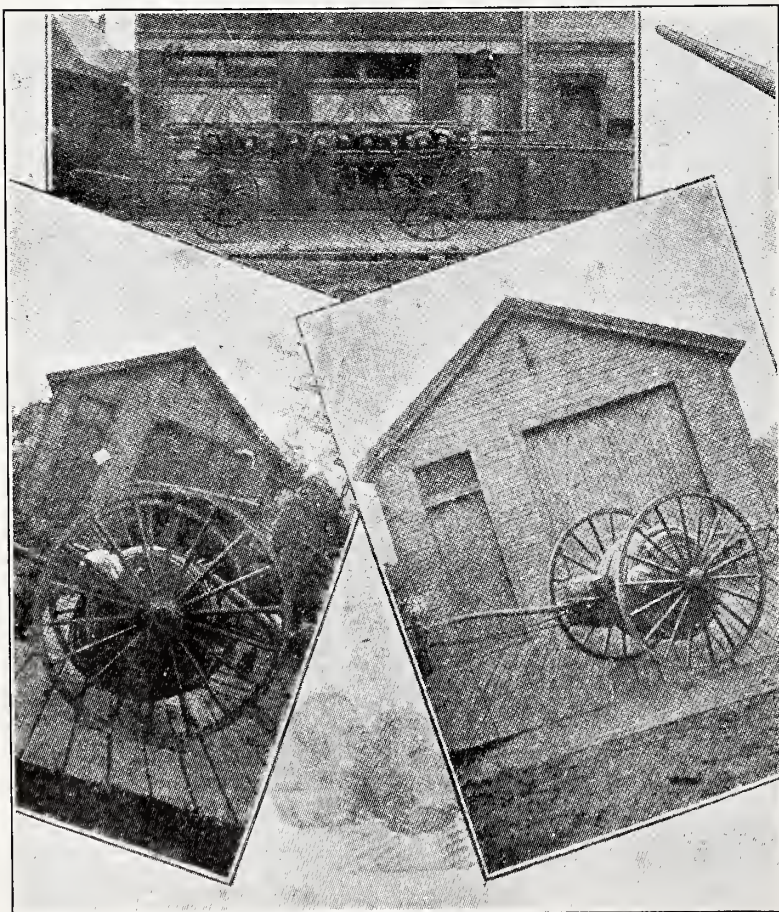
The Wilkinsburg Police Department enjoys the confidence and co-operation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, The Pennsylvania Motor Police and of all local law enforcement bodies.





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## The Fire Department's American LaFrance Equipment



First Fire Fighting Apparatus in 1890



THE property of Wilkinsburg's citizens is protected by a paid Fire Department consisting of 30 men. The Department is equipped with American LaFrance apparatus throughout, as shown in above picture. The Borough of Wilkinsburg has found the American LaFrance equipment to be 100% efficient and equal to all occasions.

The equipment consists of the following:

- 1—1000 gal. pumper and booster pump, purchased in 1936.
- 1—750 gal. pumper purchased in 1922, and overhauled in 1929.
- 1—75 ft. Aerial Ladder truck purchased in 1927.
- 1—Chemical Truck purchased in 1927, and converted into Combination Truck with booster Pump in 1937.





# THE WILKINSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT



First Row—(Left to Right) Leslie Ferrell, Harry Fornof, George Grant, William Johnson, Glenn Cline, Dale Dodson.  
Second Row—John Wilkins, Robert Barr, Captain; Harry Baker, Captain; William Thomson, Assistant Chief; Samuel Jeffries, Chief; James Bell, Captain; Joseph Brown, Captain; Russell Fry, Lieutenant.  
Third Row—Thos. Reid, Bert Snyder, Daniel Mason, George Lawyer, Thomas Bell, Thomas Weber, Chas. Rosemeyer, Fred Mechling, George Horner, Chas. Evans, Edgar Earnest, Fred Gueth, Andrew Boyd, Lieutenant; John Kearns, John Stark, Glenn Miller.

RESIDENTS of Wilkinsburg early recognized the threat of the dreaded fire demon and in 1840 a group, consisting of all of the males of town over the age of twelve, agreed to respond to the school bell with any implement of fire fighting equipment they could lay hands on.

It was not until 1889, however, that a volunteer fire company was organized. The town, only two years old, assigned a company to each ward with appropriate rigs—a two-wheeled hose cart, in two of the wards and a four-wheel ladder wagon in the other. All companies were plentifully supplied with axes.

The first fire to which the town's newly organized fire companies were summoned was the school building. Despite the fact that the building burned to the ground the red-shirted volunteers were congratulated for keeping the blaze from spreading over the adjacent vacant lots and street to the town below.

The rapidly-growing town soon demanded constant vigil and on October 26th, 1901 the Borough Council, by ordinance, created a paid fire department.

The Council authorized a force consisting of seven men, including a captain and a lieutenant, and purchased the necessary horse-drawn equipment.

Today the Wilkinsburg fire department consists of thirty men, divided into two companies, under the command of Chief Samuel Jeffries.

There is an assistant chief, four captains, two lieutenants, two electricians, eight chauffeurs, two tillermen and ten firemen.

Chief Jeffries is an efficient fire chief who has spent a long life-time in extinguishing fires. Under his command the Wilkinsburg firemen have achieved a wide reputation for the small fire damage within the Borough with the result that insurance rates here compare with any within the United States.



# BELL'S DRUG STORES

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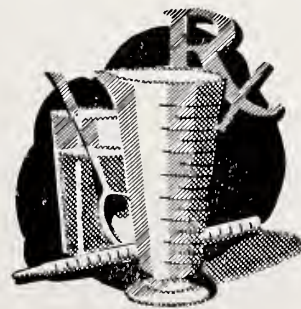
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Absent: Henry Mages, Louis Humes and Jas. Henry.

## THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

**T**HE Department of Public Works was created in May 1932 when the Street, Sewer and Engineering Departments were combined. The Department consists of a Superintendent of Public Works, Engineer, Foreman, 3 Drivers and 11 Laborers. The Department has 2 dump trucks, one pick up sweeper, one tandem roller, one oil burning tar kettle, one compressor and one gas pump.

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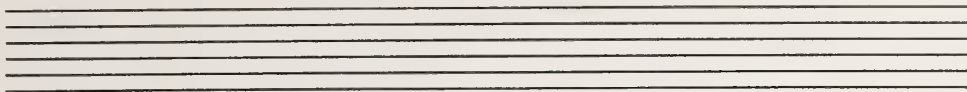
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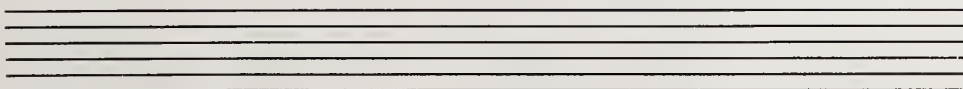




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**A**S the Borough of Wilkinsburg celebrates its fiftieth year, the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company has already started on its second half century of existence.

Having celebrated their own Golden Jubilee in 1936, Westinghouse people understand the pride of accomplishment with which the citizens of Wilkinsburg, in 1937, review the achievements of their Borough because Westinghouse and Wilkinsburg have grown up together.

For many years the Borough has been the home of thousands of Westinghouse men and women, its schools have taught their children, and its churches have been their places of worship.

The Westinghouse Club, organized in 1902, long has been located in Pennwood Avenue where its varied activities have become local events in which an important section of the community has participated.

pioneer work in this field grew into the world's service of radio broadcasting.

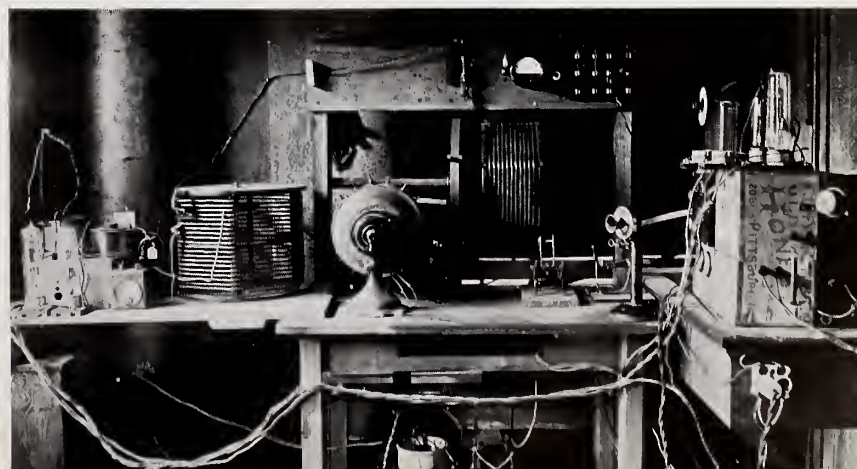
The highway between Wilkinsburg and East Pittsburgh has borne thousands to and from their work since 1895, when the first Westinghouse Works was established in the Turtle Creek Valley. Westinghouse payrolls have built many of the homes for which the Borough of Wilkinsburg is famous, have paid their shares of taxes by means of which the Borough's government is maintained, have given increasing purchasing power to the community and thereby provided it

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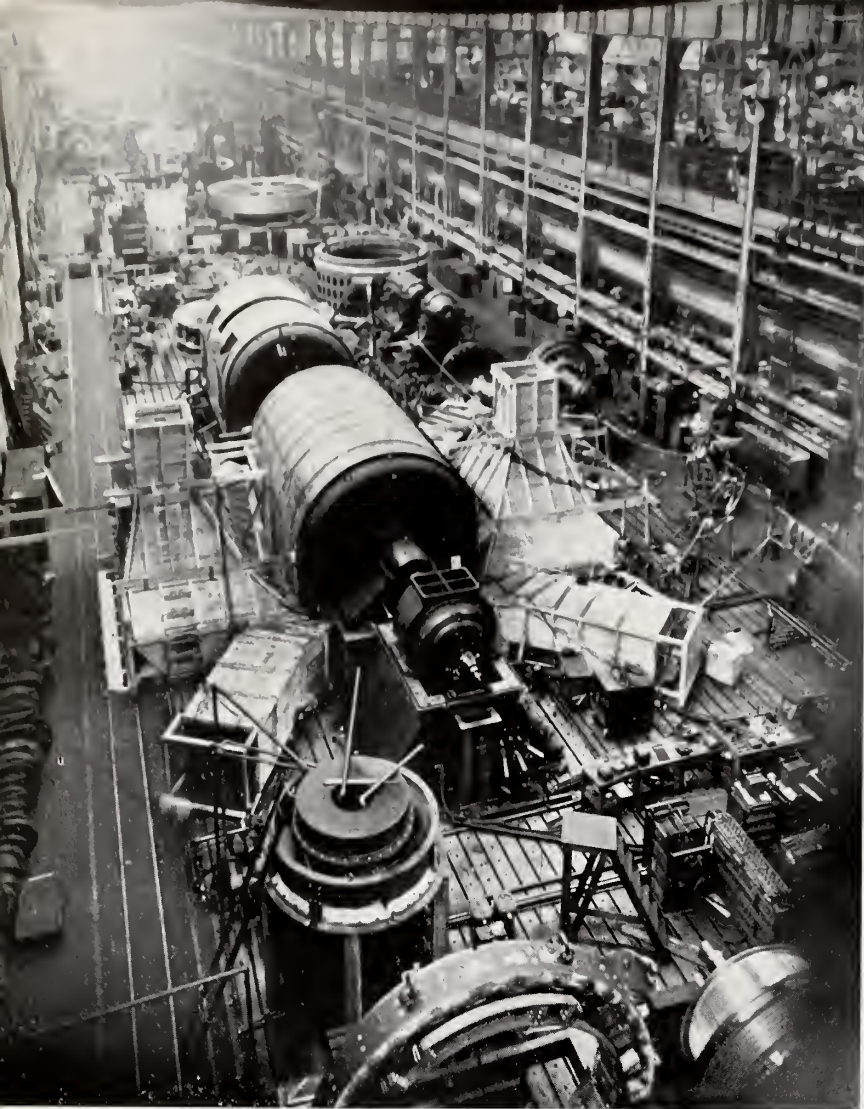
### *Radio Broadcasting*

**Y**EARS before KDKA transmitted its first program in 1920, Wilkinsburg was listening to 8XK, radio telephone station operated by Dr. Frank Conrad whose

Here in the Garage of Frank Conrad's Peebles Street Home was born KDKA and Radio Broadcasting.







Testing Giant Electrical Equipment in one of the Largest Manufacturing Aisles in the World.

with a thriving business section. Westinghouse products provide electrical facilities in homes, offices, and industries in Wilkesburg. The Borough's Golden Jubilee is an event in which Westinghouse is happy to participate and to extend best wishes for the future.

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### *Electrical Achievement*

HAVING written its history in terms of electrical achievement during the fifty-one years of its corporate existence, the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, now on its second half century, faces a world daily demanding more and more of electrical service. In home, office, and factory, on land and sea and in the air, electrical equipment is performing a myriad of tasks undreamed of in 1886, when Westinghouse was founded.

The first payroll of the Company, issued when it was located in a small factory building in downtown Pittsburgh, included only 200 names. Now, fifty-one years later, the various plants of the Company are nineteen in number; it employs 50,000 people; its annual sales approach \$200,000,000, and its sales organizations are located in all parts of the world. The Westinghouse Electric International Company, for example, is represented in more than 80 countries.

### *Wide Range of Products*

THE first catalog of the Company listed 13 products for sale. Now its catalogs contain hundreds of thousands of items which include every modern product for electrical service and other associated equipment. These adjuncts include steam turbine equipment, mechanical stokers, condensers, porcelain ware for insulators, gears, etc. The Company makes everything required for electrical service from curling irons to electric locomotives, power generating stations or radio equipment. Lamps for illuminations, motors for the factory, refrigeration for the home,—the range of the Company's products is broad.

The physical size of a company or the immensity of its sales figures are only the measure of its ability to serve. That Westinghouse has its full share of that ability is recorded primarily in its continuing record of engineering achievement.

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### *Developed A. C. System*

WHEN organized, the Company immediately became the proponent of the alternating current system and in that early day was the only important commercial sponsor of this system now so universally established in the world. Realizing the limitations of the direct current system, Westinghouse started the development of apparatus by which electrical energy could be generated at required voltages, transformed to pressures required for transmission to distant points, then reduced to pressures suitable for lighting and power purposes.

Work on the project was accelerated, certain fundamental patents obtained, and an alternating current transformer perfected. The next step was the building of a lighting system which was used to illuminate stores and streets in Great Barrington in 1886, the same year the Company was founded. That historical event was the beginning of modern alternating current power systems.

The Great Barrington installation was partly experimental in nature but so fast did the Company make progress that in November, 1886, it placed in service the first commercial A. C. system at Buffalo, N. Y. Due to the success of this venture, Westinghouse cut the shackles which previously had limited the scope and spread of the electrical industry. During the development period, the Westinghouse Company had been alone in advocating the A. C. system but after a series of successful installations, the advantages of the system were conceded and the future of the Company assured.

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### *Expanded Electrical Service*

THIS pioneer contribution was the first of many which hastened the development of the electrical art. At epochal periods when it seemed that the limit of progress in electrical service had been reached, Westinghouse provided a new idea and the equipment to extend fur-



ther the possibilities of generation, distribution, and application of electrical power.

When bids were asked for lighting the Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893, Westinghouse proposed a revolutionary method to provide illumination and was awarded the contract. This project required the manufacture of 250,000 lamps and the installation of the alternating current machinery necessary to furnish power. A special unit, the "stopper" lamp, was developed and the illumination of the Exposition became a spectacle famous the world over.

The Company also exhibited at the Exposition a complete polyphase alternating current system of power generation, distribution and motorization, destined to influence the entire future of the electrical industry.

The Company's Columbian exhibit also served as a method to introduce the induction motor, first offered for commercial use by Westinghouse in 1894. This type of motor expanded the use of alternating current beyond the field of lighting to include all power applications as well. Electric motors soon began to turn the wheels of industry.

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### *Harnessed Niagara Falls*

IN 1895, Westinghouse was awarded another important contract, this time to "harness" Niagara Falls. The generators built by the Company to draw electric power from the tremendous force of water flowing over the falls were rated at 5,000 horsepower and were many times larger than any electrical machines that had been built previously. Through the intervening years Westinghouse has supplied larger and more modern equipment at Niagara but so well made were those original machines that they are still kept ready for standby service should they be needed.

In 1899, Westinghouse acquired a new steam turbine destined to revolutionize the methods then used for generating electricity from coal. Using the turbine as a prime mover for electric generators, first 400 kilowatt turbine-generators were built, next units of 2000 kilowatts, and so on up to 20,000 kilowatt units. The suc-

cess of these machines demonstrated that steam turbines could make possible the generation of power in almost unlimited ratings. Old methods again had been outmoded by the new, and new horizons in power development had become visible. As an example of the steady growth in the size of turbine-generator units, Westinghouse in 1935, installed a single shaft unit with a capacity of 165,000 kilowatts, the largest of its type ever built. This machine fitted into a space designed several years ago for a unit one-third of its capacity.

The list of pioneering achievements by the Company is long. Some of its most significant contributions, in addition to those previously named, which have had a salutary effect on the entire history of the electrical industry follow:

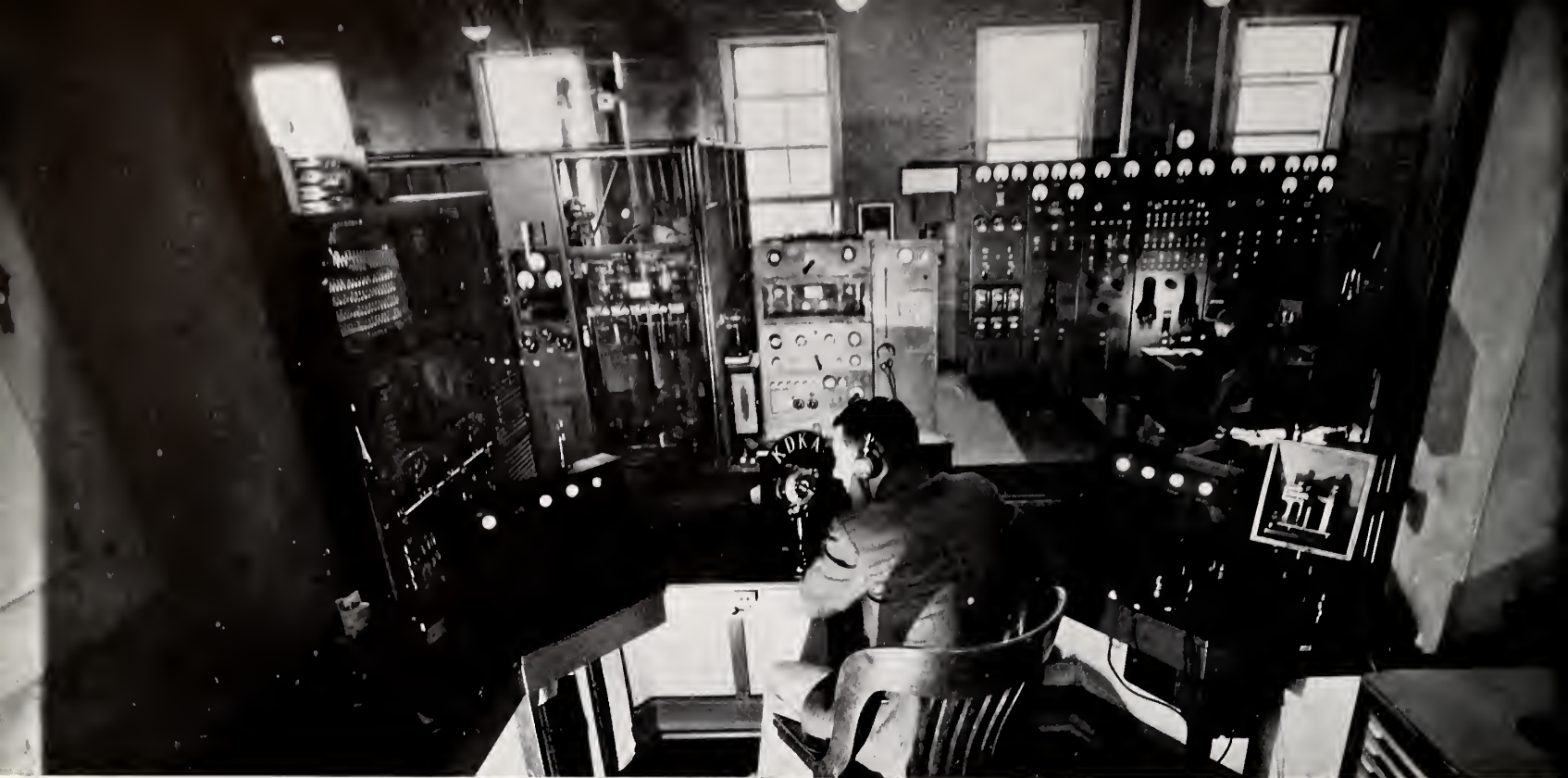
In 1888—built the first meter for measuring alternating current. 1891—introduced the first successful single reduction railway motor, establishing a type for subsequent practice. 1903—installed the first 50,000 volt transmission line. 1905—developed the mercury arc rectifier. 1909—installed the first 140,000 volt transmission line—electrified Italian State Railways. 1910—developed sectional drive for paper machines. 1915—electrified the Norfolk and Western railroad for hauling coal up heavy mountain grades—electrified Pennsylvania Railroad from Philadelphia to Paoli. 1917—developed the automatic substation which assures adequate power for peak service required by railway systems. 1919—installed first 165,000 volt transmission line.

1920—developed Diesel-electric drive for ships and—originated radio broadcasting by establishing KDKA. 1922—developed the de-ion system of arc control to increase capacities of circuit interrupting equipment. 1923—supplied locomotives and equipment for electrification of Chilean State Railway. 1924—developed metal alloys permitting the manufacture of smaller and more accurate measuring instruments. 1925—electrified the Virginian Railway, permitting this system to operate with 16 electric locomotives whereas prior estimates had listed 64 steam locomotives and auxiliary switching equipment as being necessary. 1926—inaugurated the electric welding of buildings, so improving many processes of building construction—developed the Grid Glow tube, or "electric eye" forerunner of the present day industrial vacuum tube. 1929—built the first Diesel-

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The Control Room of KDKA—Nerve Center of its World-wide Broadcasting System.

electric locomotive in the United States. 1931—electricified the S. S. Coolidge then the largest merchant ship built in America, with Westinghouse turbines, propulsion motors and auxiliaries—each of the two propulsion motors was rated at 13,250 horsepower. 1932—introduced the surge proof transformer, a great forward step in the war of engineers against the effects of lightning. 1933—built the world's fastest passenger elevators for use in Radio City building, Rockefeller Center, New York. 1934—built locomotives and other electrical equipment for electrification of Pennsylvania Railroad between New York and Philadelphia. 1935—built two of the largest waterwheel generators in the world, each rated at 82,500 kv-a. for Boulder Dam—equipped the Diesel-electric streamlined "Comet" for the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad—developed high intensity mercury lighting for industry and sodium lighting for highways. 1936—awarded largest single order for refrigerators ever placed, 16,697 units for slum clearance projects of the Public Works Administration. 1937—constructed world's largest "atom smasher" to investigate the structure of matter.

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### *Radio Broadcasting*

**I**N developing radio broadcasting Westinghouse showed the way to instantaneous world-wide mass communication. With this instrumentality for service, the remotest land was no further from a broadcasting station than the split second required to reach it by radio waves. The voice of one human could now reach the ears of all his fellow humans who desired to hear him and broadcasting became a medium for world service equal to every demand of mankind for such use.

Radio broadcasting is probably the most important

development of the past 20 years and the rapidity and completeness with which most nations have put it to use attests to its magnificent attributes.

Having started the service and the industry of broadcasting Westinghouse continued developments in this field and provided pioneer vacuum tube radio receivers, both battery and house circuit operated, improvements in station equipment that results in better quality, short waves, beam transmissions and many other significant innovations.

Radio improvement has continued at Westinghouse; its present equipment is now in use all over the globe in broadcasting stations, police and government radio transmitters and receivers, in lighthouse service, and airline beams.

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### *Research for the Home*

**T**ODAY Westinghouse, though continuing researches for industrial improvement, has as one of its major objectives the betterment of home facilities. Many years ago, engineers began the development of domestic electrical appliances. First came electric lighting. Then in addition to supplying various appliances utilizing electric heat for the home (such as the iron) engineers began to develop motorized appliances. The first of these was probably the universally used electric fan. Later came the washing machine, vacuum sweeper, electric range, and the refrigerator.

At present, the Company provides a complete line of products for the home, all designed to perform useful work, to lighten the common household tasks and to provide more efficient and healthful living.

For years these appliances were designed to fit into existing wired houses. It was finally determined that there were limitations to the benefits that could be



procured from them because of out-moded building practices. Engineers then began the formulation of ideas that culminated in the electrical home, introduced a few years ago. In these homes, efforts were made to design for more complete use of electrical facilities. They found a receptive response from families and today all modern homes are designed to take proper advantage of such facilities.

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### *Home of Tomorrow*

**M**ORE recently, Westinghouse engineers dreamed of the functional home, with rooms designed as efficiently as modern factory production systems and so reduce the physical and mental drain of household tasks.

In Mansfield, Ohio, manufacturing headquarters for the Westinghouse domestic appliance line, the world's first completely electrified home was built. Its plans projected beyond the most modern ideas then advanced concerning electrified homes and so it was termed the "Home of Tomorrow." Here was a home so built and equipped that every advantage could be taken of available electrical equipment. This home made full use of perfect lighting for utility and beauty; it was air-conditioned, many of its functions were automatic and it contained two very effective "workrooms", the kitchen and the laundry. These rooms were so designed that they fully exemplified an ideal as to beauty, utility, and efficiency. They were arranged to eliminate unnecessary steps or overlapping tasks and electrical units were properly located to coordinate their service.

The opening of this Home was an event of international significance. Its beauty and utility received popular recognition. There was the further important feature that from the "Home of Tomorrow" dates a household era wherein the functional household will bring with it soon a new manner of living far better than has been available in the past.

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### *Home-That-Grows*

**O**NE of the important contributions of 1937 to the era of electrical living is the Westinghouse "Home-That-Grows." This home is so designed that, when required, additional rooms or a second floor may be added to the original four rooms of the home. Complete use of the service performed by electricity in planned kitchens and laundries, modern building materials and work-saving features, were made in the architecture of the home with the result that it is recognized as a model for homes in the low income group. The home is located in Frankstown Estates, near Wilkinsburg.

Defining the electrical way of living by building the ideal home is similar to other important steps taken by electrical engineers. Always when they have provided general improvement along certain lines there have been horizons beyond for new electrical service.

## *Industrial Relations*

**F**ROM the beginning, Westinghouse has paralleled its engineering contributions by equally important achievements in industrial relations. As an organization, Westinghouse has grown from a small rented plant in Garrison Alley, Pittsburgh, to a far-flung industrial system furnishing employment for nearly 50,000 men and women. Harmonious relations exist between those responsible for formulating plans and those responsible for executing them and have been a factor of inestimable value to Westinghouse progress.

As far back as 1886, at the very start of the Company's operations, Saturday half-holidays for all employes and vacations with pay for salaried employes went into effect. To those who take such things for granted, it should be pointed out that Westinghouse was the first employer to introduce this plan; and that in those days it was considered nothing short of revolutionary.

This was, however, only a forerunner of many advanced ideas of industrial organization and practice which have welded the entire Westinghouse family into a close-knit unit, despite its size and geographical spread.

Many of these practices have to do with assistance in the major personal problems of injury, sickness, unemployment, retirement, and death. Others are concerned with training and self-advancement, while still others deal with incentives, rewards and recreation. In respect to all of them, Westinghouse has been notably successful in providing the required cooperation without paternalism and without the destruction of initiative and self-reliance.

Westinghouse believes that each employe should accept the responsibility of planning for his own future. But every reasonable effort is made to set up arrangements through which the members of the Westinghouse family can receive help in working out their personal difficulties, safely and soundly. Among these are the Savings Plan, the Insurance Plan, the Annuity Plan (now modified by the Federal Social Security Act) and arrangements for Medical care and Relief—to name only a few.

The Home-that-Grows, recently completed in Frankstown Estates.







An Exciting Moment at a Westinghouse Picnic

A relationship of mutual understanding between employees and management has successfully withstood the severe test of time and depression, through free and frequent sharing of ideas.

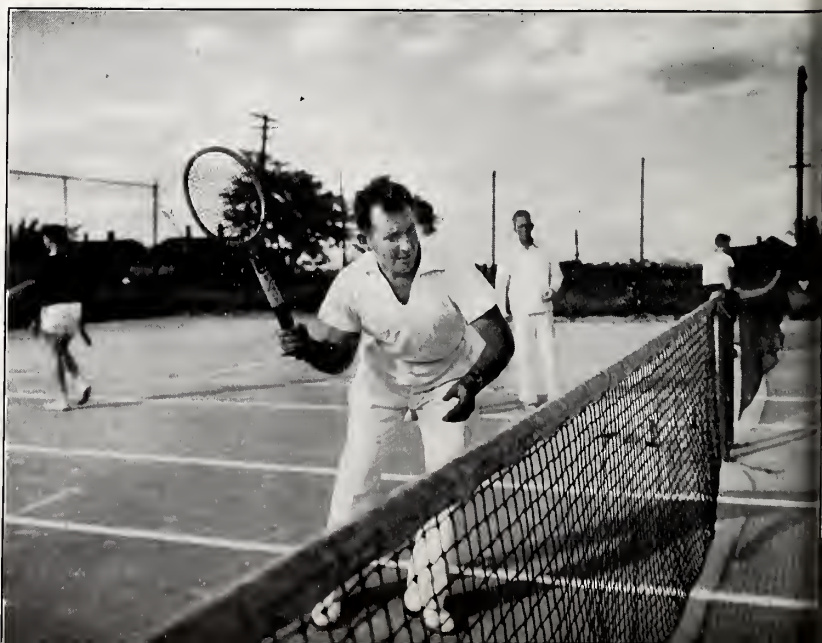
In recent years a new wage and salary plan has been adopted, designed in the practical belief that employee compensation should be larger when the Company is operating at a profit and relatively less when the Company's income falls off.

The steps taken in the growth of the modern Westinghouse Industrial Relations Program are shown in the cycle of development that follows:

- 1886—Established Saturday half-holidays for all employees and vacations with pay for salaried employees.
- 1888—Laid foundations for Westinghouse Graduate Student Training Course, when first technically-trained college graduates were selected for broad industrial schooling.
- 1902—Founded Westinghouse Technical Night School with courses in engineering, accounting, office practice and preparatory subjects. Founded Westinghouse Club, providing balanced programs of education, recreation, and inspiration.
- 1903—Foremen's Association formed, to include all shop men serving as assistant foremen, up to works managers, for social and recreational activities and with dues providing death benefits.
- 1907—Established Relief Department—outgrowth of an employees' sick benefit association, which provides compensation for lost time due to illness or accidents off duty. Physical examination of applicants for relief led to establishment of Westinghouse Medical Department devoted to keeping all employees in good health.
- 1910—Introduced Suggestion System with cash awards for those adopted. More than 52,000 suggestions have been received.
- 1914—Establishment of first Conference Committee. Westinghouse Veteran Employees' Association organized with membership available to men and women who have served for 20 years or more—for social, recreational and death benefits. Membership now exceeds 3,500. Westinghouse Clerks' Association formed—social, recreational and death benefits—membership now nearly 4,000.

- 1915—Adopted Retirement Plan, with pensions for employees reaching the age of 70.
- 1917—Foundation laid for Savings and Insurance Plan through pay roll deductions for the purpose of purchasing Liberty Bonds. Two weeks' vacation with pay granted to all hourly-paid employees with 20 years' total service.
- 1918—Organized Interborough Improvement Company, to develop employee residential districts with purchase plan providing for pay roll deductions at monthly rates comparable with rent.
- 1919—Formed Works Joint Conference Committee with employees electing their own representatives to meet with Management for consideration of matters of mutual consideration. Established Memorial Scholarship—To honor employees who served their country in the World War. Annual awards based on competition among employees and sons of employees provide four years' technical training.
- 1920—Announced Savings Plan, with principal and interest guaranteed by the Company, in conjunction with Group Insurance. Later modified and separated from Insurance Plan. Granted vacations of one week with pay to hourly-paid employees with ten years' total service.
- 1927—Established Graduate Cooperative Educational Program with University of Pittsburgh, thereby bringing a division of the University's work to Wilkesburg.
- 1929—Adopted present Group Insurance Plan, with both free and contributory policies in effect. Employees may purchase contributory insurance up to \$9,500 at favorable rates. Introduced Westinghouse Electric Annuity Plan, including a schedule for gradually reducing retirement age from 70 to 65, with trustee actuarial reserve.
- 1935—Established Order of Merit, to cite distinguished service, brilliance of performance, or conspicuous foresight by employees in any field of Company operations.

At the Westinghouse Club Tennis Courts





Inaugurated Family Days—open house visitation in Works by employees, their families and public.

1936—Modified Company participation in Annuity Plan, due to broadening provisions of Federal Social Security Act.

Provided new Wage and Salary Payment Plan by which wage and salary payments are regulated in relation to the Net Income of the Company.

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## *Looking Ahead*

**C**OURAGEOUS is one who would attempt to peer into the future. Already in this fast-moving age inventions and developments crowd one upon the other, each adding to the facilities mankind may use. Nevertheless, there is no rival in view that threatens the future of electricity. This kind of energy has been of immeasurable value in providing flexible power for the mechanics of our civilization; now it is to be of further service to the sciences. There is no one who can establish the limits of its usefulness in a tomorrow which we can but dimly envision.

Today illumination, first of the services rendered by electricity, is still the subject of intensive research. New light sources, new gases to fill the lamps, new rays to aid humanity are on the way. Many homes, even many cities, are living in the twilight zone of illumination. This condition will be improved. We will light our highways and extend rural electrification. Then the United States may look forward to a weekly output of four billion kilowatt hours of electricity.

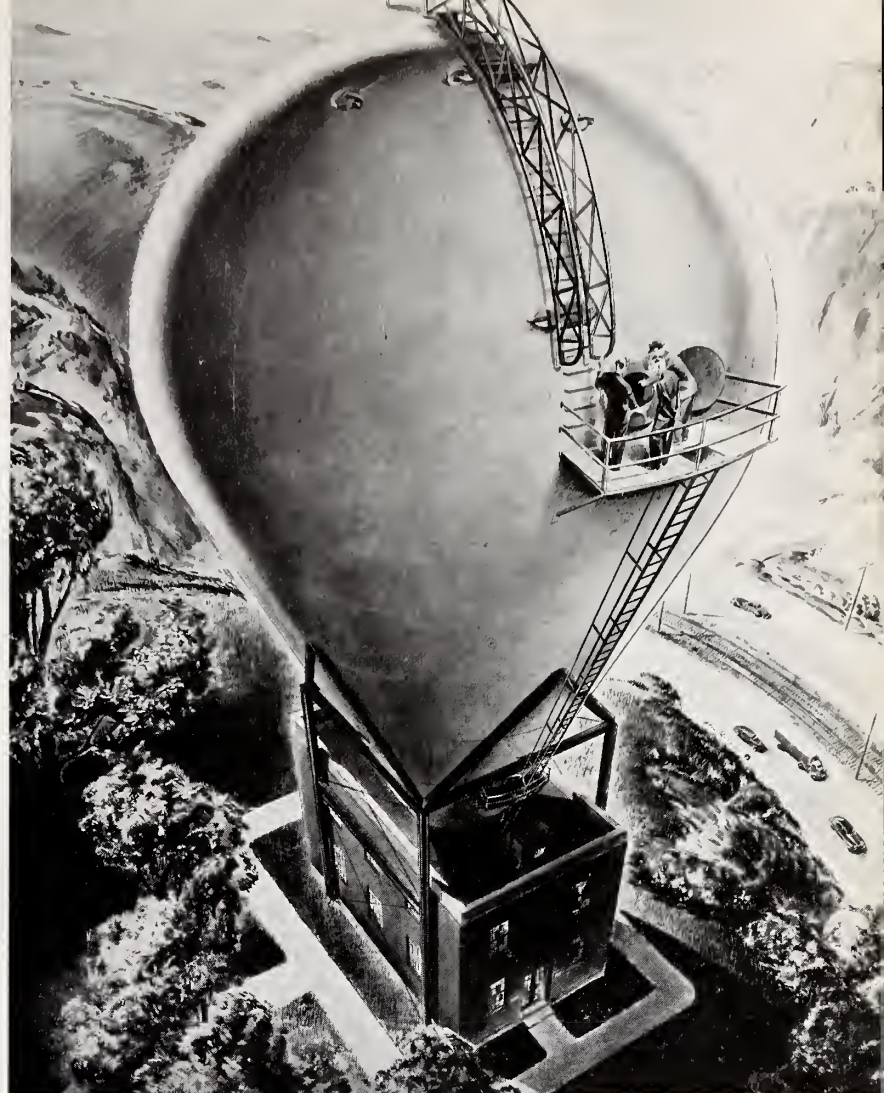
Electricity has gone "to sea", and its maritime applications are expanding as the need grows for faster ships, better efficiencies in handling cargoes, increased luxury.

Rail transportation will not stand still. There are still main lines to electrify where densely populated sections need many fast trains. Diesel-electric stream-line trains are already here; electric trolley buses are providing a specialized service in many cities; new street cars go faster, are quieter, carry their mass loads more economically.

Electric control of various heating processes has made possible many refinements in the production and fabrication of metals and will make many more; arc welding is widening its field of usefulness to industry. And so it goes with methods, new ideas, new uses for electricity to be found, developed, and applied.

Tomorrow industry will depend more and more upon the vacuum tube to do its monotonous operations. These tubes apparently see, feel, hear, smell, taste. They may be so linked to other electrical mechanisms that they will perform these functions of the human senses either singly or in combination. Lest humans think of them as the developers of a robot age, it is well to remember that mechanical and electrical contrivances can act but cannot think. Man's brain, his thinking equipment, must be used to develop the electrical type of apparatus that will do more to lift his onerous burdens from his shoulders.

Step by step advances are made in the electrical art. There have been no sustained set-backs in the past, none appear ahead. So long as the outlook for American industry and the American home is favorable, the future of the electrical industry likewise is secure.



The "Atom Smasher" now under Construction at Westinghouse Research Laboratory.

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## *Disintegrating the Atom*

**W**ESTINGHOUSE has now developed new equipment to pick apart the atom—the foundation-stone of matter—thereby hoping to solve some of the mystery now surrounding the structure of matter. This "atom-smasher" is a huge, pear-shaped steel tank about as tall as a six-story building. It will house an electrostatic direct current generator and other required parts, including a 40 foot vacuum tube. Voltages generated in the "atom-smasher" will range to 5,000,000 and higher. The high voltage will accelerate particles of matter, shot through the vacuum tube, at speeds ranging from 30 million to 100 million miles an hour. In the process of bombardment, the particles will be measured, counted, and identified by special instruments. Leaping from the end of the tube through thin windows of metal, the particles will strike the hard centers of targets with velocity great enough to penetrate the hard centers, or nuclei of the atoms, thus producing new substances.

This new venture in scientific exploration by Westinghouse is recognized by the engineering world as one from which the world may gain fundamental knowledge of major importance.





Research is the Heart of Progress in the Electrical Industry.

## PIONEERING FOR TOMORROW

WESTINGHOUSE is today a young organization, with all the courage and confidence that youth can gain through a background of accomplishment and with all elements at hand for a successful attack on the problems of an expanding future. New frontiers still lie ahead—new opportunities for service and advancement. And in the future, as in the past, Westinghouse research will point the way. Skilled scientists are at work in Westinghouse laboratories so that the usefulness of electricity can increase with the dawn of tomorrow. The vast electrical and mechanical field which Westinghouse covers makes necessary a great diversity of investigation into phenomena of every sort.

These studies are as important to product improvement as to product development. Designing is an art guided by carefully determined scientific facts. Accurate information about every element is essential to success. The research laboratory is a primary source of such information, particularly in the case of new elements and materials. In the case of the latter it is important to know

their mechanical properties at various temperatures . . . their electrical characteristics . . . their insulating properties, and many other factors. In addition, methods of using materials may be as important as the materials themselves, and information on this line must be secured and made available.

Westinghouse is unusually well-equipped along research lines, both as to personnel and as to facilities. The Westinghouse Research Laboratory on the outskirts of Wilkesburg has already been the source of many far-reaching basic developments, which the engineering staff and the unlimited production facilities have carried forward into realms of everyday use. In addition, investigations relating to lamps, light sources and X-ray tubes are carried on in the Research Laboratory of the Lamp Division at Bloomfield, N. J. Studies involving high voltages are conducted at the Trafford and Sharon High Voltage Laboratories. Whatever the problem, however dim the path, there are Westinghouse men and Westinghouse resources to follow it to a solution.



W E S T I N G H O U S E





The Union Switch and Signal Co. in 1887

## THE UNION SWITCH & SIGNAL COMPANY

**A**RTICLES of Association of the Union Electric Signal Company were filed in Hartford, Conn., on December 28, 1878. This company started the manufacture of elementary types of signal and interlocking devices in a small factory located in Boston, Mass. Its products were installed on railroads in the immediate vicinity of its plant location, Boston.

Early in 1881, George Westinghouse became interested in this enterprise, resulting in its being reorganized and incorporated under the Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as the Union Switch and Signal Company, and its factory moved from Boston to Pittsburgh the following year. The first plant in the Pittsburgh district was located at Garrison Alley and Duquesne Way.

While the principal business of the Company has always been the manufacture and installation of automatic block signals and interlocking appliances, the production of electric lamps and electric lighting apparatus was engaged in during the early years of the Garrison Alley plant. The development of the electric business grew so rapidly that in 1886 George Westinghouse organized the Westinghouse Electric Company, and the Union Company then bought the old Swissvale Car Works property, which formed the nucleus of what is now the site of the plant and home office of this company.

Soon after the plant was moved to Swissvale in 1887, the shops proved inadequate for taking care of the company's rapidly growing business and during the following years it was found necessary progressively to enlarge and extend its plant. This growth of the company's business paralleled the rapid development of the country's railroads, in turn caused by steadily increasing freight and passenger traffic.

Successive additions to property, shops and offices were made from time to time until 1917, when the main factory building was completely destroyed by fire. This fire seriously handicapped the company for many months. However, following immediate arrangements, the factory was rebuilt and today the plant of the Union Switch and Signal Company is one of the largest and most modern in the Pittsburgh district. The main shop consists of two five-story reinforced concrete buildings, well lighted and ventilated, with modern equipment and machinery throughout. It adequately permits the company to handle efficiently the large volume of business originating from both steam and electric railroads for all types of signal systems.

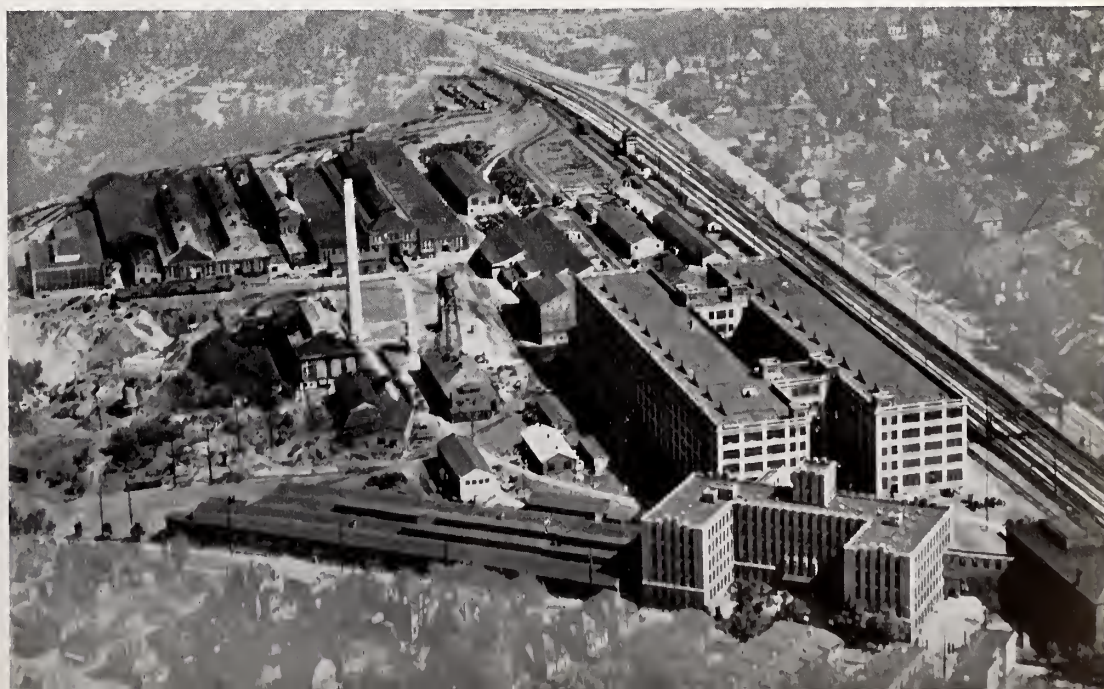
The Union Switch & Signal Company is the oldest signal company in America and the largest manufacturer of such equipment in the world. Its plant is located on 60 acres of land on which there are buildings with over one million square feet of floor space.

All of the products manufactured and installed by the Union Switch & Signal Company are designed for the safety, acceleration and increased efficiency of the railroad service. Thus, this company not only strives constantly for better and safer travel for the general public, but practices the same principles in its organization—safer, healthier working conditions for its employees and the most modern equipment and machinery for them to work with. It has a splendid Relief Department, Group Life Insurance and a liberal Pension Plan. Thus, so many of its employees being residents of our community, this company is playing an important role in the effort to make Wilkinsburg a better place within which to live.



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**Representative Products:** Edison Electric Cap Lamps—Oxygen Breathing Apparatus—H.-H. Inhalators—Comfo Respirators—Masks of all types—Gas Detectors—Safety Goggles—Skullgard Protective Hats and Caps—Safety Clothing—First Aid Equipment.

The origin of this business dates back to 1914 when two mining engineers, at that time employed by the United States Bureau of Mines in charge of recovery work following mine explosions, recognized the need for an organization to engage in the manufacture of safety equipment and help alleviate the suffering and misery caused by accidents in mines and industry. The company's early activities were confined largely to the mining field, and it was decided to name this organization the Mine Safety Appliances Company. Their efforts were soon extended to the industrial field, however, and today a group of 650 employees, comprising the world's largest manufacturers of safety equipment, is engaged in producing and distributing "Everything for Mine and Industrial Safety."

Of first importance is M. S. A.'s great laboratory system, occupied with intensive research, design, testing and chemical control. Here recognized scientists pursue a never-ending search for better and still better safeguards against the hazards that beset workmen in every industry. M. S. A. tests and proves every product to insure that it will be as efficient, durable, comfortable and foolproof as human skill can make it.

One entire floor of the plant is devoted to the manufacture of first-aid materials and the assembly of various types of service kits. One section of this floor is devoted to the filling and sealing of antiseptic solutions in glass ampoules, while in another, bandages and compresses are cut and prepared for packing. Visitors often marvel at the dexterity of the girls who are engaged in performing this type of work.

The production of respiratory equipment constitutes one of the company's largest manufacturing operations, an entire department being devoted to the assembly of all types of gas masks and protective canisters. The various chemical absorbents used in these canisters include those for protection against ammonia, acid gases and organic vapors, and are all produced in the company's chemical laboratories.

Since rubber is used extensively in all types of protective respiratory equipment, an up-to-date rubber processing and molding department is operated, where face pieces of various types, corrugated tubes, breathing bags, head straps, and many other rubber articles are molded. Crude rubber is purchased on the open market, and is compounded, calendered and cured under carefully controlled conditions designed to insure a high-quality product.

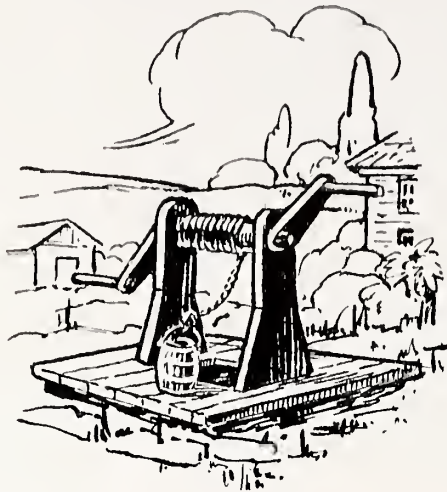
All metal parts required for gas mask canisters, oxygen cylinder valves, inhalators and submarine escape apparatus are manufactured in a large well-equipped shop. An instrument department is engaged in assembling different types of toxic and combustible gas indicators, recorders and alarms, which are used for detecting dangerous concentrations of carbon monoxide, hydrogen sulphide and explosive and toxic gases. Other items of safety equipment which are manufactured here include "Comfo" dust and paint respirators for protection against harmful dusts and fumes, Skullgard Protective Hats and Caps, and the M. S. A. Abrasive Mask.

In addition to the manufacturing activities outlined above, this company is the exclusive world distributor for Edison electric cap lamps and batteries, of which there are over 400,000 in use in mines and industrial establishments throughout the world, and these are maintained by a corps of service men in the field and in the plant.

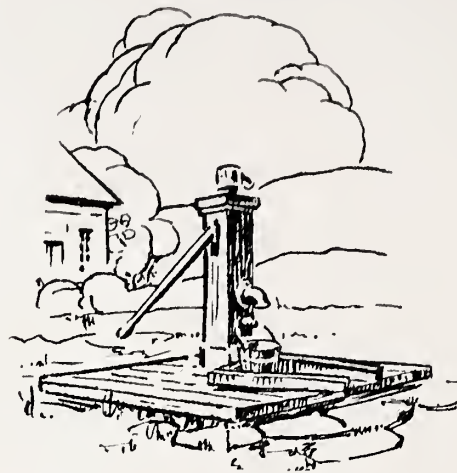
Of particular interest and benefit to many Wilkesburg people was the large four-story addition to the model M. S. A. plant completed early this year. Adding 40,000 square feet to the previously existing floor area and providing the most modern and healthful surroundings for an increased number of local workers, the new structure rounds out the physical facilities of an industry of which Wilkesburg is justly proud.



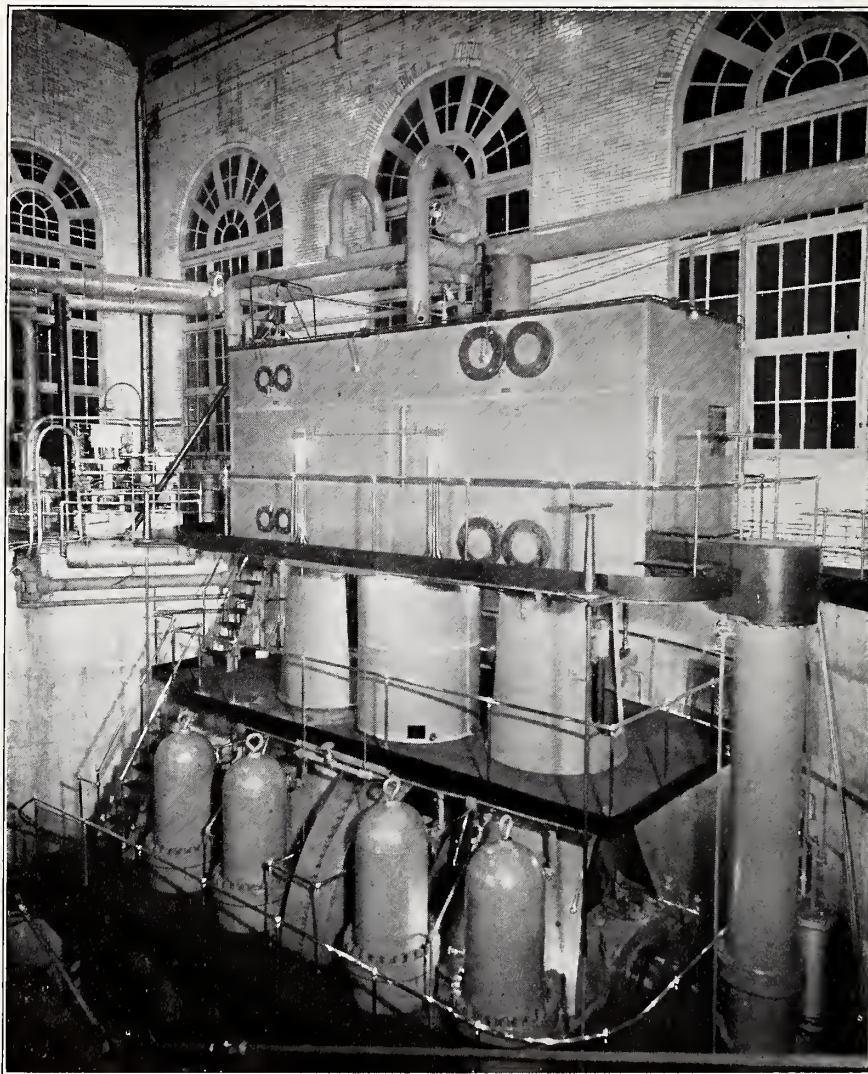
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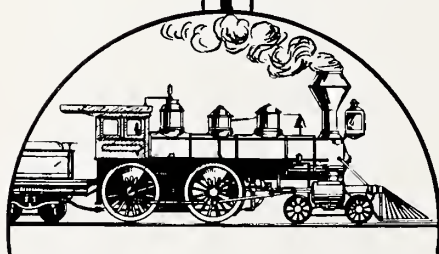
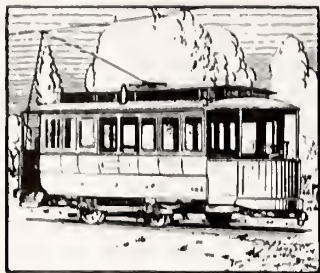
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## WESTINGHOUSE AIR BRAKE CO.

General Office and Works: Wilmerding, Pa.



# The Westinghouse Air Brake Company

FIFTY years ago when Wilkesburg became an incorporated Borough the Westinghouse Air Brake Company was an eighteen year old organization with a manufacturing plant in what was then Allegheny.

The Air Brake was invented by George Westinghouse in 1869, and apparatus comprising the first equipment was made under his direct supervision, and partly by his own hands, in the jobbing shop of Atwood and McCaffery in Pittsburgh. This first equipment was applied to the four car Steubenville Accommodation of the Pan Handle Railroad for demonstration to leading railroad men.

In an unexpected manner the brake was given a practical test even before this train emerged from the city limits—an impending collision with a horse-drawn vehicle was narrowly averted. Other demonstrations of more pretentious extent, which soon followed, proved conclusively that trains could be efficiently and successfully controlled by compressed air brakes operated by the engineer alone instead of by unreliable and inefficient hand brakes operated by brakemen on each car. Immediate orders for the new equipment by railroads in all parts of the country, demanded the quick establishing of manufacturing facilities.

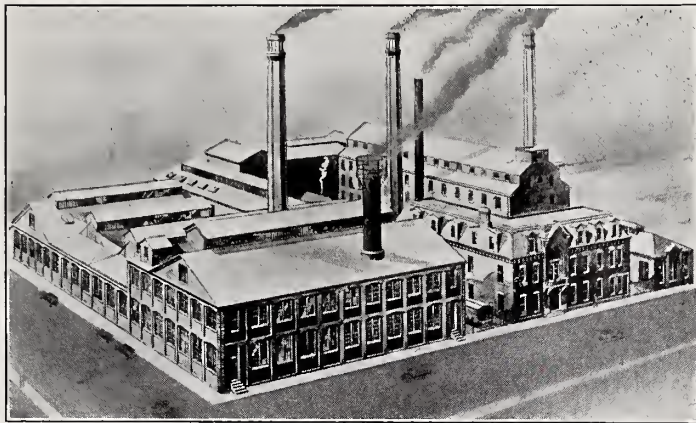
The Westinghouse Air Brake Company was organized by George Westinghouse under Articles of Association dated July 20, 1869, a charter being granted under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania on September 28 of the same year. The initial capitalization was \$500,000. This company began operations in leased premises at the corner of Liberty Avenue and Twenty-fifth Street that comprised two small buildings with a floor space of 9600 sq. ft. Only 105 men were employed, and the shops were equipped for a daily production of 18 sets of car brake equipment and 4 sets of locomotive equipment. Even with these meager facilities, brakes for 2281 locomotives and 7254 cars were made within five and one-half years.

As the merits of the Air Brake became more widely recognized and its use on railroads more extended, the small factory proved inadequate. Further plant expansion in this location was impossible, so a new site was chosen in what was then Allegheny. The property of the

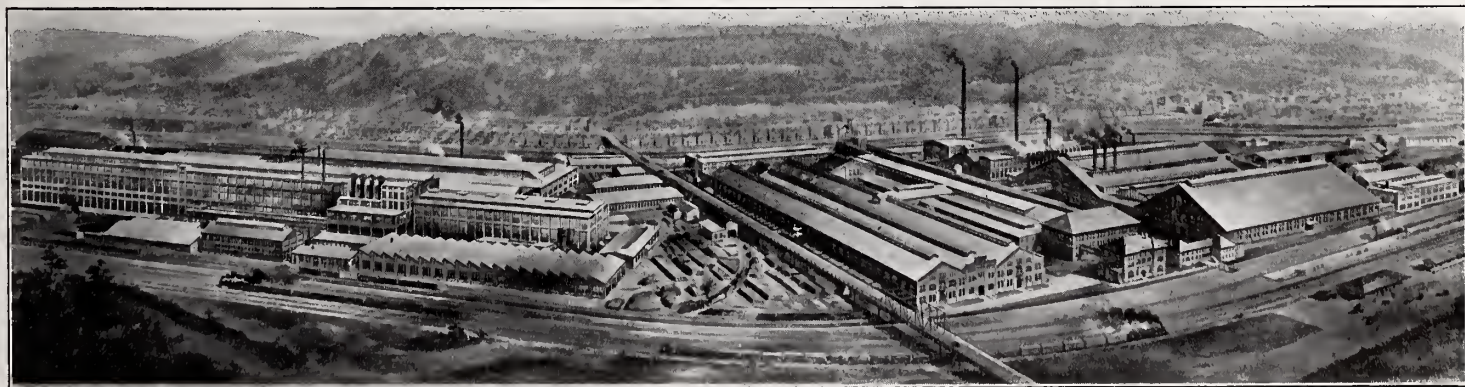
Anchor Cotton Mill was acquired in 1881 and other needed buildings were constructed. Eventually this plant provided 125,000 sq. ft. of floor space, produced 100 complete brake sets per day and employed 1900 men. Besides air brakes, many other mechanical devices were manufactured, including appliances for the distribution of natural gas. Here also Mr. Westinghouse did extensive experimental work along varied lines, and here it was that he built his first electric generator—the beginning of another activity that attained marvelous growth under a separate organization that he founded a few years later.

The need for increased manufacturing facilities that led to the acquisition of the Allegheny plant was twofold. The first design of brake was the "Straight Air" type, which had certain limitations. The "Automatic" brake replaced it in 1872. Recognition of this improvement resulted in the first notable expansion of the air brake business. Moreover, up to 1880 the use of air brakes had been limited to passenger trains. Its advantages here were soon so well recognized that the railroads began to realize its value for freight service as well. This resulted in increased activity.

The Allegheny factory, in time, likewise proved inadequate and even greater possibilities for expansion became evident. In 1889, the present site at Wilmerding, 14 miles east of Pittsburgh on the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad, was acquired. An entirely new plant was constructed and a surrounding town built. Enlargements have been made from time to time, as business increased due to improvements constantly being made to suit heavier and faster transportation vehicles, and development of brakes for street cars, elevated, and subway trains, and commercial highway vehicles. Now the buildings and yards cover an area of 35 acres, and the total floor space is 1,317,228 sq. ft. There is capacity for a heavy output of a great variety of products, including all types of air brake apparatus for every class of steam and electric railways, and air compressors for industrial use. This plant, representing a capital investment of \$40,000,000, normally employs 6000 men, a great number of whom reside in Wilkesburg and environs.



WESTINGHOUSE AIR BRAKE COMPANY'S  
PLANT IN ALLEGHENY FIFTY YEARS AGO



WESTINGHOUSE AIR BRAKE COMPANY'S PLANT AT WILMERDING, PA.





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The present Wilkinsburg Sub-station at the corner of Penn and Swissvale Avenues which began operation August 18, 1923.

## FIFTY YEARS OF ELECTRIC SERVICE TO WILKINSBURG

**M**ANY changes and improvements have been made in the methods of generating and distributing electricity since electric service was first brought to Wilkinsburg. Prior to the building of the first Wilkinsburg Power Plant in May of 1891 what little current that was available in Wilkinsburg came from the East End plant of the Allegheny County Light Company. The distance from East Liberty to Wilkinsburg was so great that two transformers were required for each house. In May of 1891, a power plant was installed by the Thompson-Houston Electric Company in a frame building located between Brushton and Penn Avenues along the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks. After the plant had been completed, the plant was taken over by the Wilkinsburg Electric Company. Financial control of this company was held by the Harlow Brothers. J. H. Harlow was president. Included among the directors were: J. A. Wilson, Attorney Balph, Dr. Riggs, J. G. Hoffman, Attorney Duff, and the Harlow Brothers.

The number of electric consumers at this time was very small. Electricity was being used mainly for street lighting (arc lamps) and the illumination of residences. Street lights numbered about 20; residences, around 15 or 20. It is possible that there were several stores along Wood Street that used electricity.

In 1893, a new plant was opened at Walnut Street and the Pennsylvania Railroad, the present location of the City Ice & Fuel Co. At this time Superintendent Pierce resigned, and J. J. Jennings from Washington, Pa. replaced him. When the Wilkinsburg Electric Company moved from the plant between Brushton and Penn Avenues to the new plant on Walnut Street, it was running at full capacity (30 street lights, 1600 50-watt lamps). At the time of moving, they had two linemen and one groundman. After moving they could take care of about 80 street arc lamps and a much larger number of residences.

In the late 90's the Monongahela Electric Company, a Mellon concern, took over the Wilkinsburg Electric Company, built a power plant at Rankin, and dismantled the power plant in Wilkinsburg. A new sub-station was

built across Walnut Street from the old power house. The equipment of the old power plant, which consisted of 3—250 H. P. Westinghouse Compound engines, 4 incandescent light generators, two arc generators for street lighting, a distribution switchboard, and two batteries of Sterling Tube Boilers, was then removed and sold. J. J. Jennings resigned as superintendent, and T. N. Hazlett, at present superintendent of the entire Eastern Division of the Duquesne Light Company, replaced him as Superintendent of the Wilkinsburg district.

During these early days, current was supplied only during the night. The generators were started up at whatever time in the evening it became dark. Sometimes, on dark days, they would be started as early as 4:30 p. m., although generally, they were started around 6:00 p. m.

In 1902, the territories of the Monongahela Light Company passed into the control of the Allegheny County Light Company, which was one of the pioneers in the electric light and power business, and much of the present day efficiency can be attributed to the foresight and engineering ability of its executives and engineers. Many of the early developments were installed and tested out on its system by the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company.

In 1912, the Allegheny County Light Company was merged with the Duquesne Light Company, an East Liberty Company which had been incorporated August 5, 1903. This was followed by the purchase of the properties and franchises of other companies until today, the Duquesne Light Company, which serves practically all of Allegheny and Beaver Counties, is in reality a combination, by merger, lease, or otherwise, of more than 150 electric light companies originally organized in Pittsburgh and the surrounding districts.

On January 1, 1913, the Duquesne Light Company took over the Brunot Island plant of the Pittsburgh Railways, which was at that time considered one of the most modern plants in the country. Lines were extended from East End to Wilkinsburg, where they were hooked up with those of the Rankin Power Plant.

The advantages of lighting by electricity were quickly recognized in Wilkinsburg and the growth of business





The old Wilkinsburg Sub-station on Walnut Street built by the Monongahela Power and Light Company and dismantled by the Duquesne Light Company in September of 1923. Prominent in the photograph is a view of one of the Streamline Models of the late Nineties.

was so great that additional capacity soon became necessary. To fulfill this need, the present Wilkinsburg Sub-station at the corner of Penn and Swissvale Avenues was built. Following its completion on August 18, 1923, the old Wilkinsburg and Ardmore Boulevard Sub-stations were closed and dismantled, the combined load being taken over by the new Sub-station.

In the meantime, the Duquesne Light Company had built the Colfax Power Plant along the Allegheny River

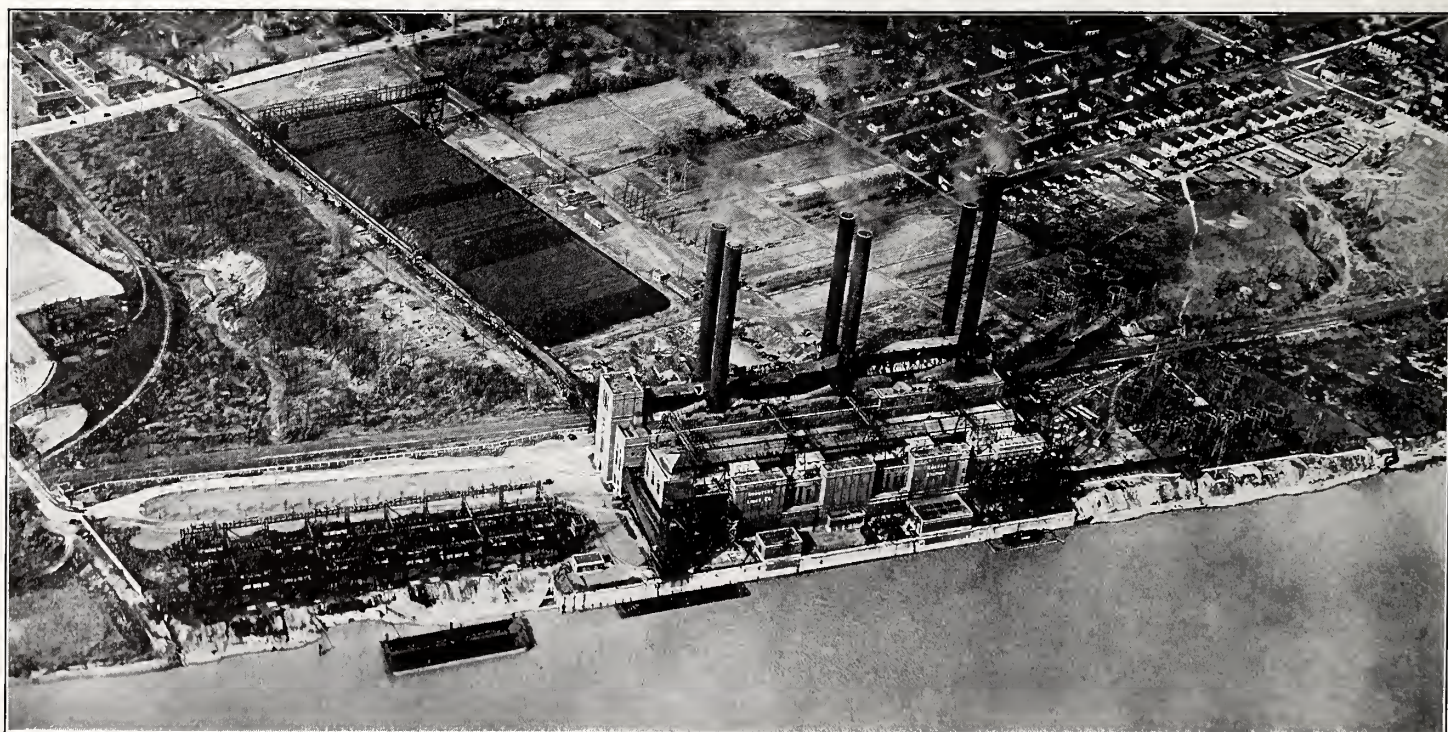
at Springdale, Pa., and it was from here that the new Sub-station was fed. The Rankin Power Plant was abandoned as a generating plant and converted into a Sub-station.

The present Wilkinsburg Sub-station will compare with any in the country. At the time of construction, this station embodied the latest designs known to the industry, and changes have been made when necessary to keep it modern in all respects. Its present capacity is about ten times that of the preceding Wilkinsburg Sub-station.

Today, practically all of the company's electricity is generated at its three main plants, the Colfax Power Station at Springdale, and the James H. Reed and the Brunot Island Power Stations located on the Ohio River two miles from the point where the Monongahela and the Allegheny Rivers flow together. Owing to the fact that these generating plants are located on opposite sides of Pittsburgh, they have been tied together by means of a 66,000 volt transmission ring to assure greater efficiency in operation and continuity of service. This ring is 90 miles in circumference and completely surrounds the Pittsburgh and Wilkinsburg districts. At important points on this ring there are eight major sub-stations, Wilkinsburg being one of them, where the voltage is reduced to 22,000 volts for transmission into the congested districts, with lines that may be likened to the spokes of a wheel.

Today, electric service in the home is accepted without question. It washes and irons our clothes, cleans our house far better than was ever dreamed of 50 years ago, and provides music and entertainment 18 hours a day. Perfectly controlled electric refrigeration protects our food from spoiling; thus, guarding our health as well as lowering our food bills. Electric clocks afford us more accurate time than ever before obtained. Lamps manufactured to the specification of the Illuminating Engineers Society, protect our eyes from strain and beautify our homes, giving us lighting that was undreamed of 50 years ago.

However, the usefulness of electricity is not limited to our homes. It plays an equally important part in our present day commercial and industrial worlds. To all of us the word electricity means efficiency, comfort, convenience, and economy.



View of the Colfax Power Plant, Duquesne Light Company, Springdale, Pa., the last unit of which was completed in the fall of 1927.





A crowd boarding one of the new Wilkesburg Streamline Trolleys, Route No. 76. Streamline Trolleys are also used on Route No. 75, Wilkesburg via East Liberty.

## Over Seventy-Eight Years of Street Car Service to the Pittsburgh District

"GIDDAP!" Thus, on August 6, 1859, with a clanging of trace chains and the creaking of new leather, was introduced into this part of the country, an industry which has probably been the most important element in the growth of our large cities. It was upon this date that the first street car in Pittsburgh began its initial trip. Out Penn Avenue, through old Bayardstown, it rumbled along to the Forks of the Road at Thirty-Fourth Street, bobbing and swaying, while hundreds lined the streets from far and wide, to look on with awe and a bit of apprehension.

At first, there was much doubt in the minds of the State Legislature as to whether or not charters should be granted for the operation of transportation companies of this type. However, the success of the first company was so great that soon other companies were incorporated to engage in the street railway business, until almost every section of the community enjoyed this new form of transportation. For thirty years the horse car held sway and had profound influence upon the growth and development of the district.

In the late Eighties experiments were being conducted in the use of cables and electricity for the operation of street cars. Three of the Pittsburgh lines adopted the cable, but the success of the electrification of the Pleasant Valley Line by D. F. Henry and W. H. Graham in 1888 started the adoption of electricity.

The history of street car transportation in Wilkesburg dates from approximately 1890. About this time the Duquesne Traction Company built an electric line operating from the corner of Penn and Shady Avenues in Pittsburgh to Point Breeze, down Fifth Avenue to Hamilton Avenue, to Brushton Avenue, to Tioga Street, to Oakwood Street, and then into Wilkesburg.

In 1892, the Citizens Traction Company built an electric line from Penn and Frankstown Avenues to and along Frankstown Avenue to Oakwood Street, to a pri-

vate right-of-way near the intersection of Oakwood and Tioga Streets, to Pitt Street, and then into Wilkesburg.

In about 1893, the Duquesne Traction Company built a second line from the corner of Fifth and Shady Avenues, along Fifth Avenue to Penn Avenue, to East End Avenue, to South Avenue, to Wilkesburg.

Another line serving Wilkesburg was the Monongahela Street Railway Company. It ran on Forbes Street from Woodlawn Avenue, to Wilkesburg, Edgewood, Swissvale, Braddock, and East Pittsburgh.

In 1895, the Consolidated Traction Company was chartered, and in 1896, it secured control of the Pittsburgh Traction Company, the Citizens Traction Company, the Central Traction Company, and the Duquesne Traction Company. On January 1, 1902, it leased the property of the Monongahela Street Railway Company, whose lines had been further extended from Wilkesburg to Verona and Oakmont.

On January 1, 1902, the Pittsburgh Railways Company was formed, and it has since acquired, either by purchase or lease, the property and franchises of all the two hundred different companies that had been engaged in this industry in the Pittsburgh and surrounding districts. Included in this group were the ones serving the Wilkesburg district.

Since its formation, the aim of the Pittsburgh Railways Company has been to secure greater comforts and conveniences for the welfare of its passengers. It was among the first trolley companies in the United States to put into service the new streamline trolley, over 100 of which are now operating in the Pittsburgh district, with an additional 100 expected to arrive early this Fall. By reason of the many innovations introduced here and the progressive conduct of its management, the Pittsburgh Railways Company has come to be recognized as one of the foremost of its kind in the United States, and today, stands in the front rank of the traction concerns of the entire world.



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**A**T a certain moment on October 5, 1937, the Borough of Wilkinsburg will be 26,280,000 minutes, or 50 years, old.

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It really has been nearly 1,000,000 minutes longer, for it was almost two years before the incorporation of Wilkinsburg that The Peoples Natural Gas Company began supplying Natural Gas to the then existing homes in that Community.

The Company was incorporated on June 26, 1885. It began at once to lay a pipe line to Wilkinsburg from a few Natural Gas wells at Murrysaville, 14 miles away. Later lines were extended to Swissvale, Rankin and Pittsburgh.

From that beginning with a few wells, 14 miles of Natural Gas trunk line and a few customers in Wilkinsburg, the company has grown with the Community until it serves each of its 23,100 homes, and the Company's pipe lines spread out over Western Pennsylvania like a giant iron spider web, connecting with hundreds of

Natural Gas Wells which dot the landscapes of three states.

The location and description of the first business office of the Company in Wilkinsburg are lost in unrecorded history, but every householder in the Borough knows the present Wilkinsburg home of The Peoples Natural Gas Company at 600 Penn Avenue.

Many of these Wilkinsburg citizens also have close personal acquaintanceship with W. G. Ketler who joined the Company in 1901 and has served the borough as agent of the company since 1913—nearly a quarter of a century. Mr. Ketler lives at 517 Shelbourne street, and is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilkinsburg. He is a brother of Dr. W. C. Ketler, President of Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania.

At the present Wilkinsburg home of the Company an Appliance Store is maintained for the convenience of customers, a branch of the company's Treasury Department, and a Wilkinsburg Service Department with a large crew of service men and a fleet of trucks devoted entirely to the servicing of Wilkinsburg customers.

Officers of The Peoples Natural Gas Company are: J. French Robinson, President; S. C. Preston, Vice President; S. J. Radcliffe, Treasurer. E. E. McCormick is Sales Manager.





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Since "The Turner's" Entered Business  
in Wilkinsburg



In 1833 Hugh Turner, a boot and shoe maker opened a general merchandise store. He employed as high as twenty persons—quite a business at that time. This was on the south side of Penn Avenue, about midway between Wood Street and Center Street.

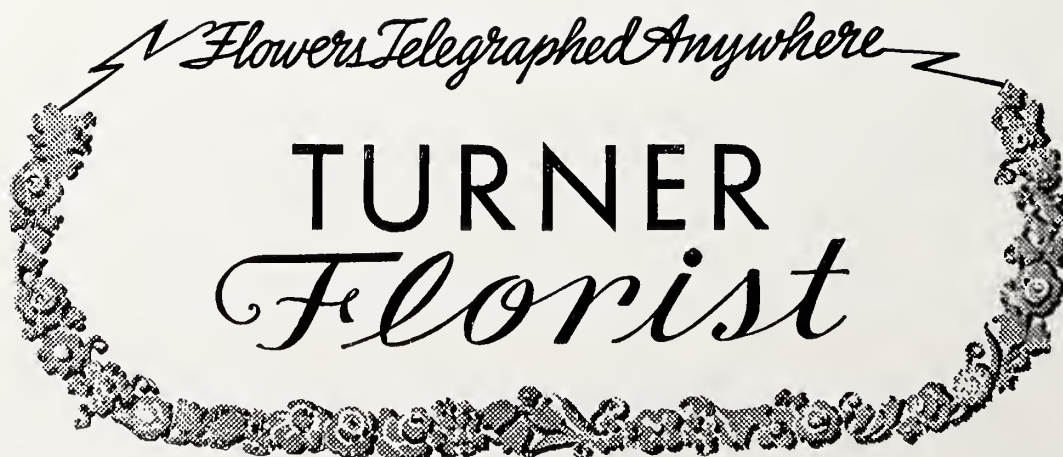
In 1860 William Turner and T. D. Turner, Sr., sons of Hugh Turner, started in the general merchandise business as the father continued in Boots, Shoes, Millinery and Dry Goods. This building was located where the Hotel now stands.

In 1881 the brothers dissolved this partnership so that William Turner could continue the General Store and T. D. Turner open an Undertaking and Livery Business. T. D. Turner's business started where Walmer's Hardware store is now located. The general store continued on the present hotel property.

In 1895, William Turner purchased the property at 809 Penn Avenue specializing in the grocery business.

In 1898, William M. Turner, who had been working for his father since 1887, purchased a small quantity of flowers from a Wholesale Florist driving through with a wagon. This wholesaler stopped at the Turner store for shelter from a big rainstorm. The success in selling these flowers resulted in determination of William M. Turner to continue at the same location in the flower business discontinuing the groceries in about 1910.

For these 104 years support of the Turner Family, William M. Turner extends his sincere appreciation and to the Borough of Wilkinsburg continued success in celebrating their 50th anniversary.





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The Wilksburg  
Post Office  
Building

Dedicated October 28, 1936

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## THE HISTORY OF OUR POST OFFICE

THE earliest record of mail delivery in what is now known as Wilksburg, Pennsylvania, was very early in the 19th century. Mail was at that time delivered by stage coach to what was then known as Spitzertown, later McNairtown, and now Wilksburg.

In those days the mail coach would drive up to the coach stop, throw off the mail bags to an attendant, who would untie the string and drop the mail on the floor. Any mail for citizens of the neighboring country would be sorted out and delivered to the addressee by any person who may have been in the store on the arrival of the stage coach. The balance of the mail would be put back into the pouch and thrown back on the stage coach.

The first Government Post Office in Wilksburg was established in 1840, with Abraham Stoner as Postmaster. He served for 5 years, and the post office was in the storeroom that stood where the Walmer hardware store is now. The next Postmaster was Adam Harbaugh, who served from February 1845 to December 1845. The post office was then at the corner of Penn Avenue and Hay Street. Edward Thompson served as Postmaster from December 1845 to 1849, and the post office was located at 771 Penn, in the old brick house, which is still standing, and is now occupied by the Wilksburg Gazette.

Luke B. Davidson served from 1861 to 1862, and the Post Office was at the corner of Penn Avenue and Hay Street. My father, Wm. Turner, served as acting Postmaster until James McKelvey was appointed in the latter part of the year 1862, and he served until 1864. The location of this office

is unknown. Abraham Stoner was re-appointed Postmaster in 1864 and served twenty years until 1884, in a building which is still standing at 734 Penn Avenue, and is now occupied by the Sun Drug Company. Fred Stoner, son of Abraham, also resides in this building.

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**"Neither snow nor rain  
nor heat nor gloom of  
night, stays these couriers  
from the swift completion  
of their appointed  
rounds."**

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John Stevenson was appointed in 1884 and served until 1886, in the storeroom now occupied by the Rhodes Brothers Grocery at 774 Penn Avenue.

David Maxwell served from 1886 to 1890, and the post office was located at the Turner Livery Stable on Penn Avenue, just east of Wood Street. J. D. Carothers was appointed in 1890, and served until 1893 in the Ralston Building near the corner of Wood Street and Ross Avenue. David Maxwell was then reappointed in 1893 and served until February 25, 1895 in the Harris Building at the corner of Wood Street and Ross Avenue, at which time the office was discontinued and made part of the Pittsburgh Post Office for the distribution of the mail.

The Post Office has occupied various buildings since it was taken over by the Pittsburgh Post Office: The Shields Building at the corner of Ross Avenue and Wood Street, the Marshall Building at South and Hay Street, and what is now known as the Peoples Gas Building at Penn and Hay Street.

Emanuel Schillo was the first Superintendent of the Post Office known as Station B, Pittsburgh, Pa., and changed to Wilksburg Post Office, July 1, 1902.

On May 26, 1936, the cornerstone was laid for the new Post Office, which was dedicated October 28, 1936, located at Ross and Hay. Mr. F. E. Baker is the present Postmaster and was appointed October 1, 1921, when he was transferred to Wilksburg from Swissvale.

At the time Wilksburg was made part of the Pittsburgh Post Office there were employed one Superintendent, one Assistant Superintendent, 1 clerk and 6 carriers. At the present time there are one Superintendent, one Assistant, 14 clerks, thirty-seven carriers and 1 rural carrier.—William M. Turner, former Postmaster, City of Pittsburgh.



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Pennsylvania Water Company  
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## History of the Pennsylvania Water Co.

Chartered March 17, 1887, six months prior to Wilkinsburg Borough which was Incorporated October 1887.

### General History

**P**ENNSYLVANIA Water Company supplies water service, under franchises, to the public for domestic, commercial, industrial, and municipal purposes in:

Part of the Thirteenth Ward of the City of Pittsburgh; part of the Fourth Ward of the Borough of Braddock; the Boroughs of Wilkinsburg, Edgewood, Swissvale, Churchill, Forest Hills, Chalfant, North Braddock, East Pittsburgh, Turtle Creek, Wilmerding, Pitcairn, and Trafford; the first-class Townships of Penn, Wilkins, North Versailles, and Braddock; and the second-class Township of Patton.

It supplies water to the Borough of Rankin and Wall for resale to consumers through municipally owned distribution systems and to East McKeesport Water Company, a privately owned company, for resale to consumers through that Company's distribution system.

### A Public Utility

**U**NDER the laws of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Water Company is a public utility and subject to the jurisdiction of The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, which has general power of supervision and regulation with respect to services, facilities, rates, charges, ascertainment of values, inventories of property, classification of accounts, abandonment of property, the issuance of securities payable at periods of more than twelve months after the date thereof and various other matters relative to the operation of the Company.

The business of the Company is conducted under rules and rates known as "Pa. P. U. C. No. 9 and Supplements." This rate schedule became effective January 1, 1923, without protest by its consumers. Since that date certain modifications, as applying to public and private fire service and to water for industrial use, have

been made without protest by the Consumers or by the Commission. The Company has not had a rate contest since 1911.

Its waterworks system consists of a main pumping station, auxiliary pumps, force mains, a purification plant, and a transmission and distribution system.

### Water Supply

**I**TS source of water supply is the Allegheny River.

Part of the supply is taken from cribs in the gravel bottom of the river, and the remainder direct from the river, at the Company's pumping station at Nadine, located on the left bank of the Allegheny River approximately eight miles above the junction of that river with the Monongahela River at Pittsburgh.

### Pumping Station

**I**TS pumping station at Nadine is equipped with four pumping units, three of which were installed in 1905, 1908 and 1921 and have a capacity of 10,000,000 gallons per day each. These are now standby equipment, and the oldest will be dismantled in the near future, anticipating installation of new equipment later. The fourth pump is an Allis-Chalmers 16,000,000 gallons capacity per day steam turbine driven centrifugal pump, installed in 1930, then the most modern of this type of pumping equipment. Steam for the pumps is generated by five water tubular boilers, three of which are fired with powdered coal and have a capacity of 409 boiler horse power each. These boilers were installed in 1927 and are now in service. They were then the latest type of machinery of this kind. The two remaining boilers are fired by Type "E" stokers, have a capacity of 354 boiler horse power each, were installed in 1919, and are now standby equipment. The pumping station is equipped with various auxiliaries, including an electric light and power plant, a gantry crane, and a machine shop.



### Purification

**W**ATER is pumped to the purification plant, approximately 600 feet above the pumping station, through two force mains, one of cast iron, 30" in diameter; and the other of lock bar steel and cast iron, 24" in diameter; against a total pressure of approximately 275 pounds per square inch. The purification plant consists of two sedimentation basins, operated in parallel, each 75'x150' and 20' deep, and sixteen properly housed mechanical filters with a capacity of 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  million gallons per day each.

### Distribution

**I**T has the advantage of gravity flow from its purification plant to its four reservoirs, which have a combined capacity of approximately 32,350,000 gallons. The pressures in the distribution system are sufficient except in a few high lying districts. Such deficiencies of pressure are met by six steel auxiliary tanks varying in capacity from approximately 76,000 to 736,000 gallons each. Water is repumped to three of these tanks by electrically driven centrifugal pumps or power pumps operated by natural gas engines. The remaining three tanks are filled by gravity flow.

In 1937, its transmission and distribution system comprises approximately 236 miles of cast iron pipe, ranging in size from 4" to 42" in internal diameter. On this system there are approximately 4,100 gate valves and approximately 1,325 fire hydrants. It has in use approximately 24,000 service lines, extending from the

street main to the curb. All water delivered except that for public and private fire service, is measured by meter. In July, 1937, approximately 25,293 meters were in service, of which approximately 6,418 were owned by consumers and 18,875 were owned by the Company. As these consumer-owned meters become worn out they are being replaced by the Company without expense to the Consumer. Service lines from the street main to the curb and all meters and fire hydrants are now furnished without charge by the Company.

### Buildings and Property

**I**T owns two office buildings, one at 712 South Avenue, Wilkinsburg, and the other at 971 Air Brake Avenue, Turtle Creek; three warehouses and garages of fire-proof brick construction, each with a storage yard adjacent thereto, one at Nadine, one at Ramsey and Center Streets, Wilkinsburg, and the third at Turtle Creek.

### Flood Experience

**I**N March, 1936, the County of Allegheny experienced the worst flood in its history. Water rose 12.7 feet above any previous flood record and as a consequence the pumping station at Nadine was not operated for a period of approximately 40 hours. Its consumers, however, suffered no curtailment or inconvenience due to the lack of water, the demand being served from water stored in its reservoirs.

In January, 1937, the County of Allegheny experienced another flood, which did not interrupt service to the Company's Consumers.

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# OUR TELEPHONE SYSTEM



THE "WILKINS" EXCHANGE

**F**ORTY-EIGHT years ago—in 1889—the community of Wilkinsburg saw its first telephone exchange put into service.

Known as "Wilkins", this exchange, with Sara E. Anderson as the first operator, served the handful of local residents who had telephones.

The telephone had been introduced to Pittsburgh only eleven years before, when T. B. A. David and others organized the Central District and Printing Telegraph Company which eventually became a part of the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania. David, now deceased, strung Pittsburgh's first telephone wires over house-tops from his home to his place of business, four blocks away.

There has been a steady growth of telephones in Wilkinsburg since the first exchange was opened. By 1910, the number in service had increased to 2,900. In 1920, there were 9,900; while today more than 18,000 telephones serve the residents of this community.

Constant improvements have been made in methods and equipment. In October, 1928, a new central office known as "Penhurst" was placed in service. This was one of the major preliminary steps in connection with the company's plan to introduce the dial system of telephone operation here in 1930.

At the time the Penhurst exchange was opened, it was stated that the telephone company's decision to establish it was prompted by the desire to prevent any possible future congestion in the existing Franklin exchange.

Two years later the 18,000 telephones in the community were changed to the modern dial operation, the transition from the manual to the dial system involving an expenditure of approximately \$2,000,000.

According to Louis S. Will, district manager for the Bell Telephone Company in Wilkinsburg, approximately 66,000 local telephone calls are made in Wilkinsburg every day. In addition, approximately 1,600 are made to out-of-town points.



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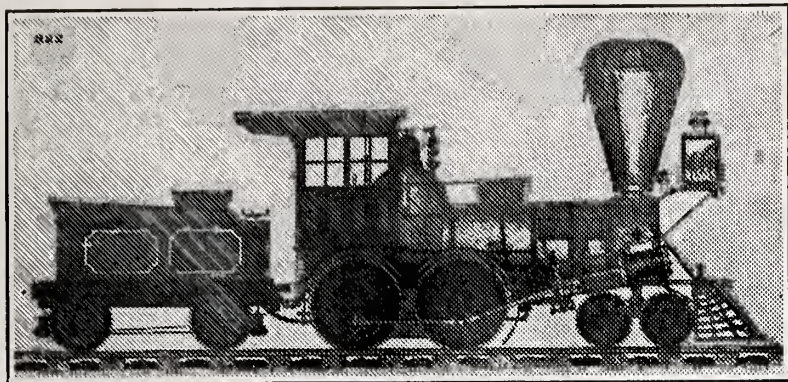
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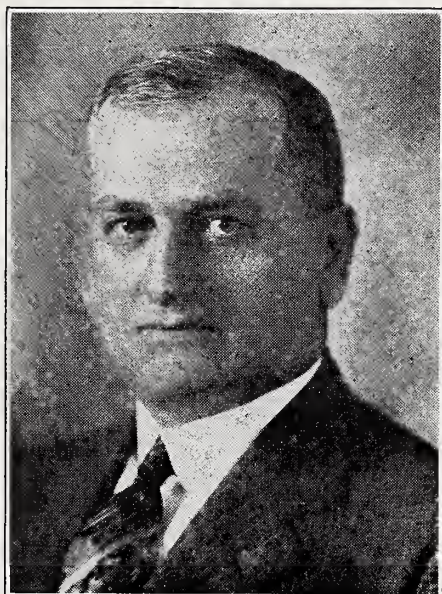


Our Modern Railroad Station

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## THE RAILROAD AND WILKINSBURG

**P**ERHAPS one of the greatest factors in the development of Wilkinsburg was the coming of the railroads. The village about 1849 was in a very primitive condition insofar as its transportation facilities were concerned. The mail was received by stage coach, the merchandise by conestoga wagon or pack horse either from the Canal Terminal in Pittsburgh or direct from the East. It was about the opening of the year 1850 that an announcement was made that a railroad was to be built. This was the subject of great interest and the topic of constant discussion. Very few of the people had ever seen a locomotive or a train. Only a few had seen a picture because at that time there were very few magazines and newspapers that could afford to publish expensive cuts. It was in 1852 that the railroad was completed, and on December 10 of that year, the first through passenger train blew its whistle for the village station. Men, women and children came running from all directions, headed for the station that they might see this unusual sight.



JOSEPH H. AKE  
General Agent

The name of the engine was the F. K. Heisley. It was a wood burner. The passenger coaches were painted red and lighted with oil lamps.

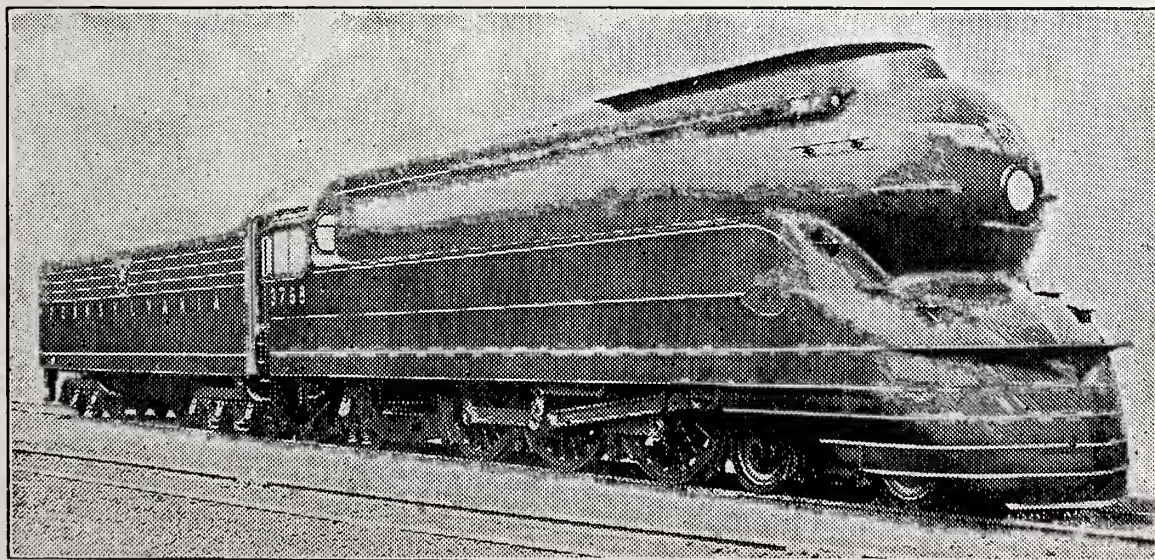
The general passenger and freight agent for Wilkinsburg is Joseph H. Ake, a citizen of our community. He started with the Pennsylvania Railroad in 1892, forty-five years ago, the last 21 of which he has been in Wilkinsburg. Mr. Ake states that the peak of the freight and passenger traffic in Wilkinsburg has reached as high as \$200,000 per month.

In 1887, when the borough was incorporated, the railroad was still the major means of transportation as, of course, the automobile had yet to be thought of. The railroad by this time was maintaining daily schedules to the terminal at Pittsburgh and several trains a day left for the east.

The next momentous occasion insofar as the railroad was concerned, in the history of Wilkinsburg, was to take place. Because of the many accidents that had been frequently occurring at the grade crossings, the railroad decided on a complete grade crossing elimination through Wilkinsburg. Work began on November 27, 1912 and the project cost \$3,000,000. The station

was also started at this time and completed in 1916 at a total cost of \$350,000. The grade crossing elimination was an engineering feat of its day; the tracks being lifted until they had reached a height of 12 feet without causing a single train to be held up because of this construction.

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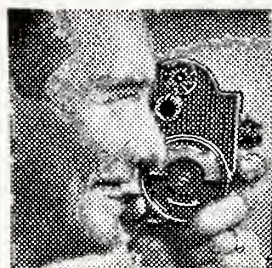
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# Schools



Fifty years ago the Wilkinsburg High School had fewer than fifty students; today it has almost seventeen hundred. During this period there has been a phenomenal growth in education in our country as a whole, but particularly in Wilkinsburg. This has been largely due to the broad-minded policy of school board members in carrying out the express will of the citizens of Wilkinsburg, who have always had confidence in their public school system and have been loyal to it. This is evidenced by the fact that Wilkinsburg High School had the first modern high school building and athletic field in Western Pennsylvania. It was among the first to establish commercial, home economics, and industrial arts courses.

We are justly proud of the record of the Wilkinsburg school system, of its scholastic, cultural, and athletic attainments, but we hope its greatest success has been in aiding to develop the characters of the young people of this community. Its faculty, in the past and at present, has been faithful and unselfish in its service. Its thousands of graduates have left to us high ideals, as exemplified in our chapel and in our activities.

Much as we glory in our past, the present and the future should concern us more. Let us resolve to do everything that we can for the betterment of our community and our school.

—W. C. GRAHAM





**WILLIAM C. GRAHAM**  
Superintendent  
Wilkinsburg Public Schools



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Wilkinsburg High School



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# BOARD



## The 1887 Graduating Class of Wilkinsburg High School

These women had the unique honor of  
graduating in the same year as the  
incorporation of the borough.

Miss Emily Munson (Mrs. Charles A. Shirey)  
Manor, Pa.

Miss Alice Potter (Mrs. Frank Miller)  
Murrysville, Pa.

Miss Clarissa Moffitt of Pittsburgh, Pa.







WILKINSBURG HIGH SCHOOL



JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



TURNER SCHOOL

## The History



Artist's Conception of the First School

**A**BOUT the year 1840 Mr. James Kelly, a prominent citizen of the town, for this district at that time was Wilkins Township, contributed money toward the first public school in this district.

It was a simple log structure with one room, located somewhere near the site of the present Semple School. The next building in the district was a one-story brick building situated on what is now the corner of Center and Wallace Avenues. It was later used as a carpenter shop where most of the caskets for this district were made. This was followed in 1850 by a two-room brick structure on the same site but nearer North Avenue. In 1872 a frame building was built on the same site but facing on Wallace Avenue. These buildings were all public schools, but in 1852 a private Academy was erected on the southwest corner of Center and Wallace. This building was bought in 1875 to provide more room for the growing school.

Until 1877 the village school system had been rather complicated. At that time Mr. J. D. Anderson, who was interested in education and the schools of the community, was selected principal and given charge of the schools. From that time, the schools of Wilkinsburg took great strides forward until they were considered among the best in Allegheny County. This fact was proved by the great number of students from outlying districts who preferred coming to school in Wilkinsburg under Mr. Anderson's supervision to attending the schools in their own districts. At that time, the primary grades were taught in the new frame building which contained four school rooms and a hall where town meetings were held. The intermediate grades were housed in the old brick building next door. The grammar grades were housed in the old academy across the street. Assisting Mr. Anderson were five teachers.

In 1882 the community was so pleased with its school system that it erected a fifteen-room, three-story brick building on the site of the present Junior High School. This was called Horner School and was built at a cost



# of Our Schools

of \$36,200. On the completion of this building, the older ones were sold. On March 19, 1883, fire broke out in the directors room of the new building and destroyed all books, minutes, records and former school history. It is for this reason that we have today no definite records of our early school history. Wilkins Township became the independent borough of Wilkinsburg in 1887 and Mr. Anderson, being principal of the schools, was put in charge of the public Schools of Wilkinsburg. It was in this year that the first class of three girls graduated from Wilkinsburg.

On January 13, 1890, the Horner School caught fire and burned to the ground. The pupils were housed in the various churches for schooling. At this time it was decided to erect two buildings, one of 15 rooms to replace the one burned and another for those students in the Third Ward. Later a two-story building was built on the corner of Pitt and McNair Streets. A few years later the school board awarded a contract to build a school building in the Second Ward at a cost of \$38,500. This new building was located on the corner of Center and South Avenues.

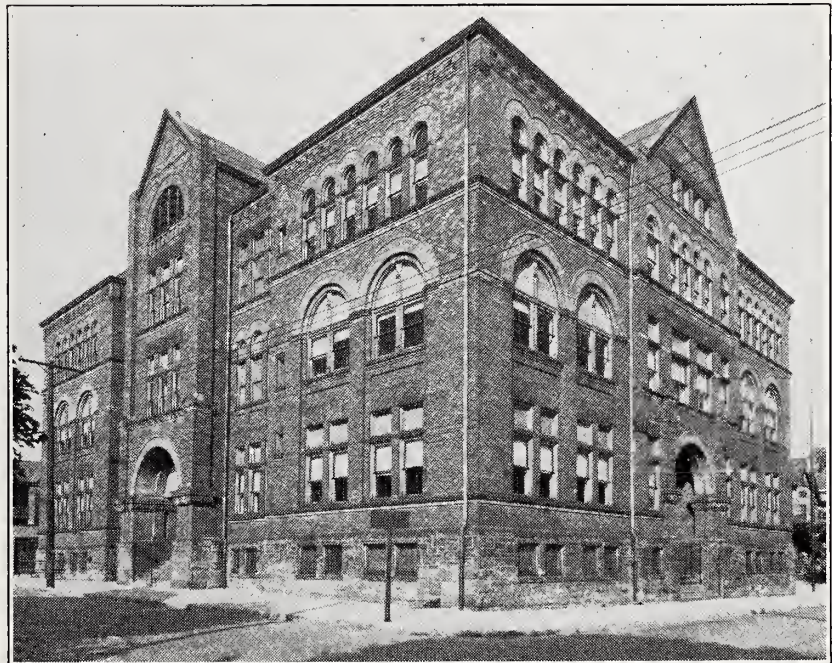
The idea of a commencement was first introduced by the class of 1893. Lacking an auditorium, the graduating class gave a short program and received its diplomas in the Odd Fellows' Hall. In 1897 a complete course of academic subjects which included Latin, Geometry, Physics, History, English and Rhetoric, was added to the curriculum.

Mr. E. J. Shives, who had been principal of the public schools, was elected superintendent. Because of the crowded condition in the schools the Board of Education thought it best to erect another building in the First Ward; therefore, on September 23, 1902, contracts were let for Semple School. It is interesting to note that until 1903, the three buildings already erected and the one about to be erected had no names and were referred to merely by the ward in which they were located. Since this system was awkward and difficult, the buildings were given names that we know today—Horner, McNair, Kelly and Semple. All were named for prominent citizens of the community.

The period from 1900 until 1911 was one of rapid growth, not only in the number of students but also in the variety and size of the curriculum. A few years before, most of the academic subjects had been added. In 1901 physical training and drawing had been adopted. During these eleven years the student enrollment increased from 1300 to nearly 3000 and number of teachers and principals from 45 to 72. The class of 1900 consisting of nine girls was the



McNAIR SCHOOL



KELLY SCHOOL



ALLISON SCHOOL





JOHNSTON SCHOOL

first to complete the three year course in the high school department, and the class of 1907 the first to complete our present four year schedule.

Because of the overcrowded conditions at this time, the Board of Education let contracts for Johnston School in 1906, and for the high school building in 1911. (Previous to this time, the high school had been housed in three rooms in the McNair building and later in the entire third floor of the Kelly school.) For the first time, the students of the high school department had a building all to themselves in which they could take the courses and have the entertainment and enjoyment that they wanted. Heretofore there had been no gymnasium, no science rooms, no library, nor study halls; the new building was equipped with all these. The students were quick to make use of these necessities, and in those years started many of the entertainments and social activities that we have today, such as the Gym Exhibit, the Junior and Senior Proms, and many of the clubs. Under Mr. W. C. Graham's supervision athletics made great progress. In 1903 was organized the first varsity football and in 1906 a paid coach was hired; and our first W. P. I. A. L. championships in football were won in 1914, '15 and '16. In appreciation of Mr. Graham's work, the new athletic field, dedicated in 1914, was named for him.

For the second time the Horner School building burned to the ground, and the present Junior High School replaced it in 1918. The Johnston School was also destroyed by fire and rebuilt in 1922. Allison School was then built so that the lower grades might be separated from the congested Junior High School. Turner School was then built

for the convenience of the students who live in that district. During the next few years the lack of adequate health facilities was felt in the school system, and for that reason the Open Air School in the McNair building was opened; this was followed by an Opportunity School for retarded pupils. In 1922 a dental clinic was started in the Junior High School. The work of this clinic was done by the Senior Class of the Dental School at the University of Pittsburgh. The same year School banking was introduced in the schools, and has in every way proved a success.

Once more, as before the building of the high school, the same complication

of over-crowded rooms and classes seemed to be arising. The situation soon became so serious that the two corridors along the auditorium balcony were enclosed and turned into study halls. It was necessary to suspend chapel in order to use the auditorium for a study hall, and the mechanical drawing classes were forced to lower the curtain and meet back-stage. The school also installed lockers in the halls for those who were without cloakroom facilities. Finally when it became impossible to accommodate the increasing number of students, the School Board added the new addition to the High School. The new addition, including the boys' gymnasium and the auditorium, has improved conditions temporarily, but even today it is almost impossible to seat the whole student body in chapel.

This has been the story of the rapid growth of our schools. We are indeed indebted to Mr. Anderson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Allison, Mr. Graham, and the school boards who without any remuneration have served so faithfully, and also to the many other men and women who have served their community by serving their school.

—Joe Marcy

*Oration Delivered by Senior student at Commencement Exercises at Graham Field, Thursday, June 3, 1937.*



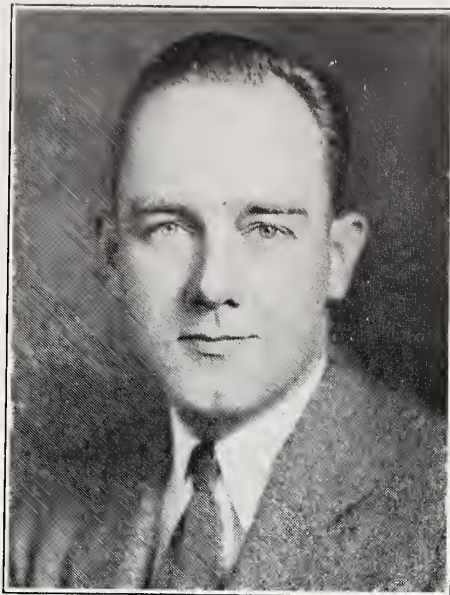
SEMPLER SCHOOL



# The Wilkinsburg High School Alumni Association

THE Wilkinsburg High School is one of the leading high schools of the nation. From the thousands of students enrolled, 7000 have received diplomas. Many of its alumni have achieved unusual success and recognition in their chosen vocation, while others are living happy successful lives in a far flung area. A large percentage of our local business and professional men are proud alumni of the High School.

In recent years an alumni organization has been effected and officers elected annually. The program development has been gradual and each year more extensive plans are being made. One feature of the High School sched-



REUEL B. WOLFORD, President

ule is the unique chapel service conducted each morning of school. This phase of the school life has been so endeared to all who have participated that many of the graduated return at least once a year to join in an alumni chapel.

More extensive plans are being formulated this year, thus helping to commemorate Wilkinsburg's Golden Anniversary. The program will consist of a special chapel service, a banquet, a football game and a dance.

The present officers of the Alumni Association are: President, Reuel B. Wolford; Vice President, Eleanor Rodgers Lambert; Secretaries, Irene Love and Marjorie Johns; Treasurer, Clyde McAllister.

## THE WILKINSBURG HIGH SCHOOL BAND



First Row—(Left to Right) Haskins, Palsha, Hartson, Baker, Baer, Anderson, Jorstad, LaHive, Ice, Miller, Mr. Scott, Quinn.  
Second Row—Lewis, Horner, Clemmer, Custer, Hurrell, Guckelberger, Hinkens, Earhart, Kelly, Fouks, Schmidt, Ulrey.  
Third Row—Meyers, Swan, Price, Emeigh, Dobson, Sampson, Wilcox, Fullem, Wilson, Annis, Davis, Sumner, Sheckler, Frost, Gooch.  
Fourth Row—Stern, Kanelidis, Hibbard, Felmley, Stewart, Jack, Knight, Kuhn, Peterson, Sandin, Coates, Foote.



## THE WILKINSBURG HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

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—JOSEPH DAIBLER



## Beulah Presbyterian



Steele

**B**EULAH Church was organized in 1784. The land for the church and old graveyard was given by Mr. William McCrea. Additional land was given to the church by Rev. James Graham.

There was no other Presbyterian Church between Beulah and the First

Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh.

In the early days the members of the congregation came from Port Parry on the Monongahela River clear across to the Allegheny River and the Presbyterians from Wilkinsburg went up the long hill to Beulah until Beulah's daughter the First Presbyterian

Church in Wilkinsburg was organized.

The church now standing is one hundred years old this year. Tradition says that during the time of General Forbes' expedition against the French at Ft. Duquesne in 1755, the cattle to feed the army were kept in pens on the property where the church now stands, and that preaching services were held there, called the Bullock Pens for the Army.

The congregation has never exceeded 214 in membership. It has been served by 13 pastors—"Father" Graham serving the longest time—40 years. Their names are:

Samuel Barr .....	1785-87
James Graham .....	1804-45
John M. Hastings.....	1846-65
Thomas Madison Brown.....	1866-67
James Abram Marshall.....	1867-73
James H. Hunter.....	1874-77
William S. Miller .....	1878-88
Walter W. Ralston .....	1888-93
Andrew W. Hayes .....	1894-1900
William A. Reed .....	1900-1910
John C. McCracken .....	1912-16
John D. McBride .....	1916-28
Smith Gardner Dunning.....	1929—

## Reformed Presbyterian

**T**HE Reformed Presbyterian Church of Wilkinsburg is located at the corner of South Avenue and Center Street where it has maintained active work for nearly a century.

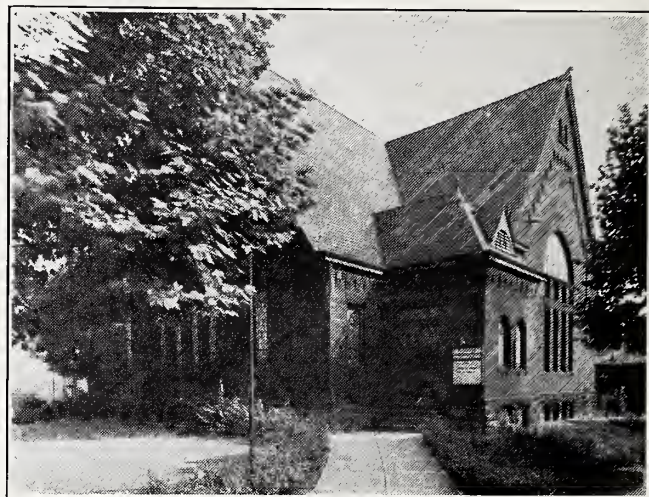
The name of James Kelly is inseparably connected with its history although he was not an active member. He gave a large piece of ground to the church and attended the services regularly until his death in 1883. He and Mr. Hugh Boyd were the principal contributors to the first church building which was erected in 1845, three years before the organization of the congregation. This was evidently an adventure of faith.

The congregation was organized July 14, 1848 by a commission of the Pittsburgh Presbytery, consisting of Revs. O. Wylie and Thomas Hanna, and Elders Wm. Haslett and Wm. J. Dougherty.

During all this time only six ministers have served the congregation as pastors.

The first pastor was Rev. Joseph Hunter who was ordained and installed April 13, 1852 and served the congregation for a few months more than thirty years. Rev. W. W. Carithers, the second pastor, was ordained and installed June 20, 1883 and served five years. Dr. R. C. Wylie became the third pastor, Nov. 21, 1891 and continued that relation for seventeen years. Dr. R. J. McKnight, now President of the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary, Pittsburgh, was the fourth pastor. He was installed September 16, 1909 and served seven years. Rev. J. B. Willson

REVEREND  
T. C. McKNIGHT  
PASTOR



Steele

was the fifth pastor. He was installed April 10, 1919 and continued the work for ten years. The present pastor, Rev. T. C. McKnight began his work in the congregation, January 1931.

The members of session have been Hugh Boyd, Samuel Henning, Samuel Henry, John Boyd, Robert Barr, Wm. J. Dougherty, David Osborne, Henry Dean, Thomas Newell, Wm. Wills, A. C. Coulter, James N. Clark, Wm. Price, John D. McCune, Samuel R. Wills, Oliver Wylie, Robert J. Ward, Wm. J. Ward, and Thomas Martin. The present members are Wm. Esler, D. C. Ward, C. P. Anderson, James R. Wilson, H. Raymond Smith, Chas. H. Haslett, Dr. T. Reed Martin.

In the fall of 1892, the original church building was torn down and the following year the present building was

erected and dedicated.

The congregation was organized with forty-three members. Its present membership is one hundred and twenty-five.

The Congregation maintains active Sabbath School work with Mr. D. C. Ward, superintendent, a Women's Missionary Society with Mrs. T. C. McKnight president, a Young People's Society with Mr. Dick Moffitt president, a Young People's Missionary Society with Mrs. Thomas Clarke president, and a Junior Missionary Society with Mrs. A. C. Johnson leader.

Services of worship are held regularly every Sabbath morning and evening. The Sabbath School meets Sabbath morning at 9:45, the young people's meetings at 6:45 P. M. and the mid-week prayer service is held Wednesday evenings at eight o'clock.



## United Brethren in Christ



Swoger

THE Church of the United Brethren in Christ of Wilksburg, was organized in 1850 by the Rev. Jonathan Holmes. The first church building was erected in 1851 on the north side of what is now Ross Avenue, between Coal Street and Swissvale Avenue. The Rev. D. Speck was then the pastor. This structure was dedicated by the Rev. W. B. Dick. In 1875, during the pastorate of the Rev. J. Medsger, this building was remodeled and rededicated by the Rev. D. Speck.

After a number of years it seemed advisable to relocate. A plot of ground on Coal Street, extending from South Avenue to Ross Avenue, was purchased while the Rev. J. M. Leshar was pastor (1888-1890). A church building was erected upon this ground in 1892, the Rev. Lawrence Keister, pastor, and was dedicated by the Rev. Jonathan Weaver.

In 1903, during the pastorate of the Rev. G. W. Sherrick, the auditorium which stands today was erected. This auditorium was connected with the old building which was thereafter used for

general Sunday School purposes. This edifice was dedicated April 19, 1903, by Bishop J. S. Mills, D. D.

In 1921, during the pastorate of the Rev. C. W. Winey, D. D., the property adjoining the church on South Avenue was purchased. The brick residence was used as the parish house for a number of years. It recently was remodeled and now serves as the parsonage.

On April 17, 1927 the new building for Christian Education was dedicated by the Rev. W. R. Funk, D. D., during the pastorate of the Rev. Earl C. Weaver, D. D. The New Church, as it is still called after ten years of service, is a modern church plant, embodying all the facilities necessary for the spiritual, educational, and recreational life of young and old alike. It has helped the congregation realize anew the deep significance of the church slogan, "The Church for the Whole Family". The present pastor, the Rev. Warren H. Hayes, D. D., has served the Wilksburg congregation since 1930. The present membership of the church is 746.

## James Street Methodist Episcopal

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## **Saint James Roman Catholic**



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IT would be impossible to say with certainty at what time the first Catholic families began to make their homes in Wilkinsburg and vicinity; but for many years their number was small. In time their numbers had so far increased as to make the organization of an independent congregation and the building of a church advisable, although the majority of the people lived at the Duquesne Mines, some two miles east of the village. Prior to this Mr. James Kelly donated building lots to several of the religious denominations, and among them to the Catholics. The one which he gave to them was not in a very desirable location, and they purchased property between Franklin and Rebecca avenues, near Mulberry street, the deed for which is dated May 8, 1868; and on March 23, 1881, they bought the two lots between their property and Mulberry street, completing the square on which the church buildings now stand.

The erection of a church was undertaken in the summer of 1869, and was dedicated under the title of St. James, November 18 of the same year; an unassuming little frame structure, 30 by 60 feet. For a few months it was attended from East Liberty, but in August, 1870, Reverend Joseph Suehr was appointed as the first resident rector. He divided his attention between this church and that at Verona; but in time both congregations had so far increased as to make it advisable to separate them and appoint a rector for each. Father Suehr preferred Verona and Rev. Walter Laurence Burke was appointed to St. James. His first care was to build a rectory, and later he purchased the additional property already referred to, on which he built a frame hall for the use of the congregation. But in the midst of his zealous labors, he was suddenly called to his reward during the night of September 21-22, 1885, in the 45th year of his age. Rev.

Andrew Arnold Lambing, LL. D. was then appointed rector. The congregation had increased very gradually until a couple of years before this time, when owing to the death of Mr. Kelly and the putting of his property into the market, the town, and with it, the congregation began to grow rapidly. A school under the care of the Sisters of Charity was opened in September, 1886.

Soon the church became too small to accommodate the numbers that flocked to it, and an addition was built in the summer of 1888. But it was occupied only three months when it was totally destroyed by fire on the night of December 23-24. Nothing was left but to begin anew, and a brick combination church and school building, 53 by 96, was built in 1889.

Ground for the present St. James' Church was broken February 29, 1928. The cornerstone was laid July 1, 1928 and the church was dedicated August 10, 1930.

The Church is built of Indiana Limestone. The style of architecture is Gothic of the eleventh and twelfth centuries.

The windows, put in by the famous Goodhue firm of Boston, are fashioned after the same style of architecture. The Congregation was fortunate to get it finished, as Mr. Goodhue died a year after the Church was dedicated.

In the altar, the mosaics are from Venice; the marble from Genoa, and the wood is all hand-carved.

The Carillon, as far as we know, outside of Mercersburg, Pa., is the largest in Western Pennsylvania.

The seating capacity of the Church is eleven hundred and twenty-five.

The Masses at present are at six, seven, eight, nine, ten and eleven o'clock. There are about two hundred members at the six; four hundred at the seven; eight hundred at the eight; and eleven hundred at each of the three last Masses.



# Ross Avenue Methodist Episcopal



REVEREND  
G. A. PARKINS  
PASTOR



Swoger

**T**HE Ross Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, located on the corner of Ross and Swissvale Avenues, Wilkinsburg, Pa. was started by a number of members of the South Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church who felt the need of a Methodist Church in the eastern end of the town. The South Avenue Church purchased and donated the ground upon which the Ross Avenue Church buildings now stand at a cost of \$7,000.

At the session of the annual confer-

ence in October, 1905, Rev. R. M. Fowles was assigned as its first pastor. The church was formally organized in one of the class rooms of the South Avenue M. E. Church on October 30th, 1905. The following persons constituted the first Official Board: J. A. Strickler, A. Callander, J. W. McKelvey (The father of J. M. McKelvey our present Sunday School Superintendent); W. Younk, F. W. Cunningham, C. H. Harbison, Parker Gardner, Oscar Horn, Haven Wolf. Haven Wolf was elected secretary of the Board

which position he has held to the present day. The only other living member of this board who is still active in Ross Avenue Church is Oscar Horn.

From October, 1905 to April 28, 1906 during the erection of the church building the new congregation worshipped in the South Avenue Church, holding its services Sunday afternoons.

The Ladies' Aid Society was organized on Friday, January 12, 1906 and Mrs. O. E. Horn, of 1113 Franklin Avenue was its first president. Mrs. Harry Whitehead, 446 Swissvale Avenue is the present President.

The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary societies were organized at the same time, February, 1907. Mrs. John L. McCartney was the first president of the Home society, and Mrs. Parker Gardner was the first president of the Foreign society. Mrs. Jennie O. Cox, the present president of the Foreign society has held the position for the past 16 years. Mrs. Earl B. Stimpson, 556 Trenton Avenue is the president of the Home society.

The present officers of the church are as follows: Pastor, Rev. G. A. Parkins. President of the Board of Trustees, A. A. Henderson, 603 Hill Street. Secretary of the Official Board, Haven Wolf, 1212 Franklin Avenue. Financial Secretary, R. M. Drennen, 414 Ella Street. Treasurer, E. M. Buell, 1304 Franklin Avenue.

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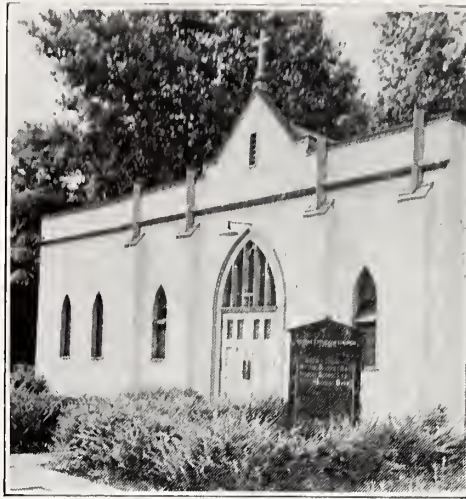
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## Advent Lutheran

**T**HE Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Advent, Laketon Road, was founded just ten years ago in the Wilksburg Manor section. Calvary Lutheran Church established this mission for the purpose of caring for the spiritual needs of her members and other Christians living in this community. The services were first conducted by the Lutheran Pastors of the surrounding parishes. Then the Reverend John E. Slater was called as the first pastor upon his graduation from the seminary. He was installed as pastor on June 3, 1928, and served for seven years. The Reverend George W. Stough was called as his successor and is the present pastor.

The church has primarily been a community church. The joys and sorrows of the community have to a large



REVEREND  
GEORGE W. STOUGH  
PASTOR

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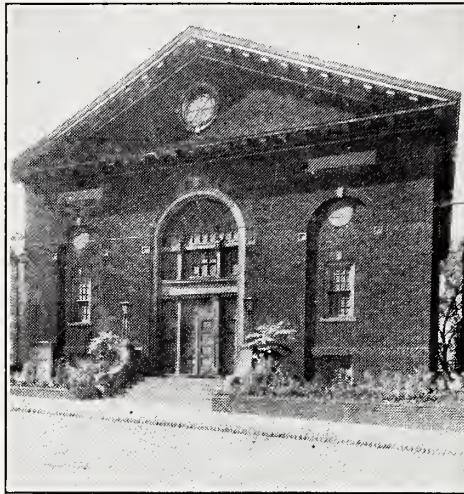
extent been reflected in the joys and sorrows of the congregation. In the past decade the community has changed from a semi-rural to a suburban residential one. The congregation has reflected this change by showing a three hundred and fifty-five percent increase in the communing membership during the decade of its existence.

The members of the Church Council are as follows: Messrs. J. Alvin Little, Vice-President; W. G. Dalzell, Secretary; B. L. Artzberger, Financial Secretary; A. Merriman, Treasurer; E. Lear Markel, R. D. Loughrey, T. R. Helsing, A. W. McCormick. Mr. E. W. Wilson is Superintendent of the Sunday School; Mrs. A. Merriman, President of the Ladies' Society; Mr. Earl Marshall, President of the Luther League.

## Christian

**A** BIBLE SCHOOL, begun in a hall at the corner of Penn Avenue and Wood Street November 11, 1900, marked the beginning of what is now the Christian Church of Wilksburg. The School was instituted by Rev. H. F. Lutz, under the direction of the Western Pennsylvania Christian Missionary Society Board. Driven from the first location shortly by fire the work was re-located in the then existing Presbyterian Church building on South Avenue near Wood Street.

With about 90 Charter Members the Church was founded April 30, 1901 under the leadership of the Rev. Mr. Lutz. On October 28 of that same year the building in which they had been worshipping was purchased and later remodeled. In February 1902, Rev. Lutz having been called to another work—that of City Evangelist—Rev. L. N. D. Wells was secured as



REVEREND  
W. STANLEY COLLINS  
PASTOR

Steele

his successor, and served as minister until August 31, 1906. From October 1906 to September 1911 Rev. Geo. W.

Knepper was pastor. On December 11, 1911, Rev. Walter Scott Cook took up the leadership which he retained until May 1, 1919. On January 7, 1915 the church building burned. And on October 8, 1916 the present building on Wallace Avenue was dedicated.

It is recalled with a sense of satisfaction that three young men—members of the Church during its early years—entered the Christian Ministry. They were Clarence Evans, Eugene Duty, and Harry K. D. Huber.

The present numerical strength of the Church includes a membership of about 400 persons.

Other pastors who have served the local church are: Rev. George Darsie, July 1, 1919 to February 25, 1923; Rev. James A. Crain, May 6, 1923 to April, 1925; Rev. D. Park Chapman, September 6, 1925 to July 31, 1934; Rev. E. A. Hibler (Interim) August 1, 1934 to December 31, 1934. The present pastor Rev. W. Stanley Collins began his ministry January 1, 1935.

## Church of the Nazarene

**T**HE local Church of the Nazarene was organized January 20, 1935, at the Duquesne Hall, 747 Penn Avenue. This church was organized as the result of a series of evangelistic meetings held in the tent at the corner of Ross and Coal Streets during the summer months with 62 charter members. At the present time we have 138 members, 162 Sunday School enrollment, 53 members in the Young Peoples' Society, 67 members in the Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

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The time of services as follows:

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Preaching—11:00 A. M.  
N. Y. P. S.—7:00 P. M.  
Preaching—7:45 P. M.  
Monday Evening Bible Study—7:45  
Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting—  
7:45 P. M.  
Friday Evening Young People's Prayer  
Meeting—7:45 P. M.



## Calvary Lutheran

**C**ALVARY Lutheran Church has a unique history. Although this congregation was established but forty years ago and has given of its members to form Advent Lutheran Church, it is one of the largest congregations in Wilkinsburg with its 1,300 confirmed members. On November 29, 1896, thirty-three persons united to form St. Paul's Lutheran Church, General Council, and erected a church which is now the Y. W. C. A. Its pastors were the Rev. John F. Heckert, the Rev. W. E. Bauer, the Rev. H. H. Will. On March 14, 1897, twenty-six persons united to form Calvary Lutheran Church, General Synod. This congregation was self supporting from the start. In its earliest days this congregation was served by the Rev. F. H. Crissman and the Rev. J. Bradley Markward, D.D. During the pastorate that followed, that of the Rev. H. E. Clare, the present stone Old English Gothic church was constructed.

On December 17, 1919, St. Paul's Congregation and Calvary Congregation effected a happy merger and continued rapid growth resulted. Dr. Charles B. Foelsch became the first pastor of the merged congregations. A



REVEREND  
ALBERT W. STEINFURTH  
PASTOR

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parsonage was secured; an associate pastor, the Rev. John E. Slater, was called; the Sunday School room enlarged; the debt was removed. The

Rev. Luther A. Krouse was then called and during his pastorate the church edifice was improved extensively at the cost of \$35,000. On April 1, 1932, the present pastor, Dr. Albert W. Steinfurth, was called. In recent years the congregation has experienced large accessions, continued reduction of the building debt, acquisition of the property adjoining on South Avenue.

This congregation is one of the leaders in the United Lutheran Church in America for generous support of benevolences, home and foreign missions. For ten years it has generously supported Advent Lutheran Mission in Wilkinsburg Manor. Its Sunday School numbers 660 members.

The members of the Church Council are: Prof. W. L. Eberts, vice-president; Prof. H. E. Dyche, secretary; Mr. R. R. Highberger, treasurer; Mr. Herman Imschweiler, financial secretary; trustees, Messrs. A. C. Good, Ardie Davis, C. L. Emeigh, C. L. Weber, C. V. Brehm, A. J. W. Horst, Walter E. Larson, Dr. Walter Singley. Miss Mary Tilp is the church secretary; Mrs. C. A. Smullin, organist; Mrs. Troy Russell, choir directress; Mr. Edward Templar, caretaker.

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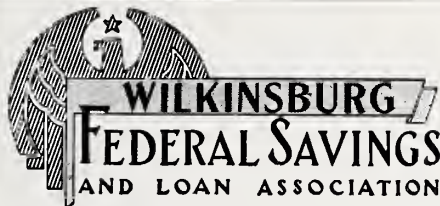


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## Mifflin Avenue Methodist Episcopal

**M**IFFLIN Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church was organized Sunday evening, July 5, 1896. There were sixty-two members at the beginning. The mission church in which this company worshipped was erected the same year and the dedicatory services were conducted by the Reverend Charles W. Smith, then editor of the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate and later made Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Incidentally, it was during the period of his editorship that Reverend Smith was elected the first burgess of this borough just fifty years ago.

This new church started with Homer D. Whitfield as its pastor.

The west side of Wilkinsburg at this time was only partially developed and there was a great deal of woods



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REVEREND  
WILLIAM L. HOGG  
PASTOR

and open spaces. Since then, there have been erected many beautiful homes and the population in this section has greatly increased as a result. Paralleling this, the membership of this church has grown tremendously, with an approximate total of 1250.

This church has a well appointed auditorium seating 1000 people, a Kimball pipe organ with chimes, pastor's study, a modern Sunday School, gym with showers, bowling alleys, Boy Scout Room, dining room accommodations for 400 people and a fully equipped kitchen and ladies parlor, and in addition, there is a beautiful parsonage adjacent to the church property.

In every sense a community church it appeals to youth as well as to people of more mature years.

The pastor is the Reverend William L. Hogg.

## Trinity Reformed

**T**RINITY Reformed Church was organized January 19, 1870 with 48 members, Rev. F. B. Leasure, pastor. At first worship was held in the Academy and later in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. James Kelly presented the congregation with a lot in 1871 and the cornerstone for the chapel was laid October 15th of the same year, and the chapel was dedicated June 5, 1872, Rev. George B. Resser, D. D., preaching the dedicatory sermon. A parsonage was built in 1874 at a cost of \$2,400. The property was mortgaged and it was feared the congregation would be disbanded, when Mrs. Margaret Chadwick gave the congregation \$1,200 and the Pittsburgh Synod \$1,000 and four members mortgaged their property to save the church.

The congregation took on new life and in 1896 erected a new church, with



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REVEREND  
E. ROY CORMAN  
PASTOR

the dedication March 14, 1897. The church cost \$22,000. The pipe organ was a gift from Mr. Carnegie. In 1903 the auditorium was remodeled and a steam heating plant installed and the organ rebuilt. A parsonage was purchased in 1906 at a cost of \$6,250. From this small beginning in 1871 Trinity Church has become one of the largest congregations in the Synod with a membership of 774.

The following were its ministers:

Rev. L. B. Leasure.....	1870-1871
Rev. T. F. Stauffer.....	1871-1877
Rev. J. M. Souder.....	1877-1879
Rev. J. W. Knappenberger	1879-1883
Rev. M. T. Frank.....	1884-1886
Rev. J. S. Freeman.....	1886-1895
Rev. C. L. Alspach.....	1895-1900
Rev. P. S. Leinbach.....	1901-1904
Rev. Lewis Robb, D. D.....	1905-1919
Rev. H. S. Bassler, D. D.....	1919-1930
Rev. E. Roy Corman.....	1930-



Swoger

## Union Gospel



REVEREND  
S. J. BRIGGS  
PASTOR





## Calvary Presbyterian

**I**N that remote residential district of Wilkinsburg known for years as Crab Hollow, now better known as a part of the First Ward, a Sunday School was organized May 11, 1902 by W. F. Bremmer and L. R. Hagan, both Elders of the First Presbyterian Church.

The Sunday School developed rapidly and the need of a leader was quickly apparent. Mr. F. Dean Miller was secured as leader and acted until May 14, 1903, when the Calvary Presbyterian Church of Wilkinsburg was organized. Rev. Miller was called as the first pastor and was ordained and installed June 25, 1903.

The first elected officers were: Elders, John Morgan, A. J. McGiffin and W. G. Lang; Trustees, J. H. Eichner, S. J. Black, A. E. Logan, C. H. Cobaugh, Ed. Zorsch and W. H. Moore. Calvary's first building, situated at the corner of Hill and Swissvale Avenues, was dedicated Nov. 5, 1905, and as a workingman's church, continued to thrive.

Rev. Miller's pastorate continued until Feb. 22, 1914 when he was called to the First Presbyterian Church of Altoona, later to the First Presbyterian Church of Bradford, Pa.

Rev. James E. Garvin, succeeding Rev. Miller, was installed June 5, 1914 and served until September 10, 1918. Many will recall the holocaust of those

years in Europe and its effect here at home. Dr. Garvin died in 1928.

February 20, 1919 marked the installation of Rev. Albert C. Busch into the pastorate, which relationship still continues. The original building, during the present pastorate, became seriously involved in the widening of Swissvale Avenue and as larger accommodations were necessary, ground was broken for a new building at the same location on Sunday, July 15, and the cornerstone laid Sunday, October 7, 1928. The dedication was held October 6, 1929 with Dr. F. Dean Miller

delivering the address.

The present officers are: Elders, J. A. Ferguson, J. D. Ferguson, B. D. Hileman, W. H. Keir, Henry Laurie, F. E. Lotz, R. E. Meyers, Jr., Herbert Otto, A. D. F. Randolph, J. W. Strunk and J. M. Wesley; Trustees, W. H. Boardman, Ernst Bradbury, Sr., M. L. Corns, J. D. Gass, W. C. Haubrich, A. F. Lambing, J. L. Laughlin, J. McK. Smith and R. G. Snyder.

Calvary Presbyterian Church stands four-square for the Gospel of Christ and invites all who will to make use of its services.



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## South Avenue Methodist Episcopal

**T**HE Methodist Episcopal Church was first established in Wilkinsburg in 1832, and the first church building erected by any denomination was by the Methodists, at the site of the present Baptist Church, in 1843, the building being improved and slightly enlarged in 1878. At this time the bell, first used at the 28th Street Roundhouse, and which now serves, in

its upturned position, as a vase for plants, was given to the Church by the Railroad Company, and erected in the new bell tower.

The continued growth of the community made further enlargement necessary, and the original building was sold to the Wilkinsburg Baptist Church, and a new building erected on the site of the present one, in 1892. This was completely destroyed by fire

in February, 1907. The greater part of the present structure was dedicated in 1909, and the western wing added in 1923, making it one of the most complete church and church school edifices in the Borough.

Originally known as the Wilkinsburg Methodist Episcopal Church, it has been the mother church of at least six other Methodist Episcopal Churches during a sixty year period. In each case, the new church drew its full quota from the membership of the sponsoring church. The list is as follows: Homewood Avenue, 1872; Brushton, 1892; Mifflin Avenue, 1896, following which, in 1901, the name of the original organization was changed to South Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, Ross Avenue and James Street, 1905; and Laketon Heights, 1920.

The membership of South Avenue Church is now 1810 and the school enrollment 1083, while the combined active membership of the seven churches listed, is over 4900, with 4000 enrolled in the schools. During the 105 years there have been 48 different Preachers and 22 Junior Preachers or Assistants. Reverend James F. Hoffman, D.D., is the present Minister.



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REVEREND  
JAMES F. HOFFMAN  
PASTOR



# Saint Stephen's Episcopal

**I**N 1860 Calvary Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh, began a Sunday afternoon Service in the Wilkinsburg School House. The next step was the renting of the United Brethren's House of Worship. After two years the effort suddenly stopped. In 1865 the Rev. Mr. Wilson, Rector of Calvary Parish made a second attempt, Services being conducted in private houses in Wilkinsburg. In 1879 the Rev. Dr. Boyd Vincent, the new Rector of Calvary, and several years later the Bishop of Southern Ohio, directed, through his Assistant, the Rev. Dr. George Hodges, the effort in Wilkinsburg. The meeting place now was in the basement of Hamilton Hall. The next building, used for worship, was Park Place Laundry. Then came the purchasing of a lot, midway between Franklin and Rebecca Avenues, on Pitt Street, when a small building was erected, known as St. Stephen's Mission, still under the guidance of Calvary Church. In January, 1890, this Mission became an independent Parish. The Rev. Dr. W. C. Rodgers was chosen as the first Rector. Succeeding him, in 1891, was the Rev. C. L. Bates. In 1902 the Rev. Dr. R. W. Patton followed as Rector.

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REVEREND  
WILLIAM PORKESS  
RECTOR  
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The stone Church, on the corner of Franklin Avenue and Pitt Street, was erected in 1903. The Rev. Joseph Speers was next inducted as Rector, on Whitsunday, June 3rd, 1906, continuing until the last Sunday of February, 1919. On March 1st, 1919, the Rev. Dr. William Porkess began as the fifth Rector. The growth of the Parish is such as to have now become the sec-

ond largest Church in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, there being over twelve hundred Communicants. In 1930, on the site of the original Church building, a three-story stone Parish House was erected, and also an exceptionally fine Rectory, adjoining the Church proper, on Franklin Avenue, it being the generous gift of Mr. A. L. Humphrey, in memory of his mother.

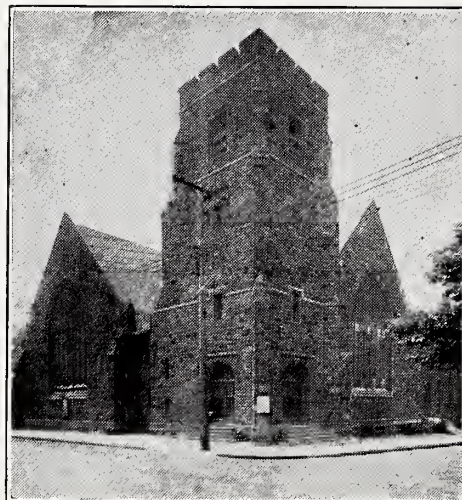
## Second Presbyterian

**T**HE need of an additional Presbyterian Church in the rapidly growing community of Wilkinsburg became so apparent during the spring and summer of 1903, that three Elders of the First Church, Messrs. H. E. Carmack, W. F. Bremner and E. T. Jackson, called a meeting in the hall of the First National Bank to discuss the problem. Subsequent meetings were held and as a result of these meetings 140 names were secured favoring a new church.

An application to organize a new church was presented to Pittsburgh Presbytery at its September meeting. The application was granted and a committee of Presbytery was appointed to organize the Second Presbyterian Church of Wilkinsburg.

The committee was the Rev. Richard Holmes, Rev. C. W. Wycoff, Rev. W. P. Shrom, Mr. W. C. Lilly and Mr. W. A. Boothe. Through their guidance the formal organization was effected in Penn Hall, October 27, 1903, the Rev. Richard Holmes acting as moderator. The roll of charter members consisted of 228 persons.

The first preaching service, conducted by the Rev. David R. Breed, D. D., of Western Theological Seminary, was held in Penn Hall, October 31, 1903. The pulpit was supplied by Rev. S. B. McCormick, D. D., and Rev. David R. Breed, D. D., until early in 1906. The



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JAMES WOODIN LAURIE  
PASTOR

Rev. George W. Mead was installed as the first regular pastor February 14, 1906.

The present church building was erected in three separate units. The present chapel was the first unit. The present main auditorium was added to this unit during 1911. The main church building was dedicated April 7, 1912. The growth of the church, especially the Bible School made necessary the addi-

tion of an educational building which was dedicated September 15, 1929.

The pastors who have served the congregation are as follows:

Rev. George W. Mead  
Installed February 14, 1906  
Rev. J. Allison Platts  
Installed January 11, 1911  
Rev. Charles G. Jordan  
Installed March 11, 1913  
Rev. Samuel Willis McKelvey  
Installed January 16, 1914  
Rev. Hugh Leith  
Installed October 20, 1921  
Rev. John Franklin Troupe  
Installed May 16, 1930  
Rev. James Woodin Laurie  
Installed September 30, 1936

Minister ..... James Woodin Laurie  
Asst. Minister ..... Richard S. Blair  
Financial Secretary and Secretary  
to Minister ..... Emma E. Dupler  
Organist and Choir Director .....  
..... Ruth McGowan Craig  
Clerk of Session ..... C. A. Tyler  
President, Board of Trustees .....  
..... H. F. Ramsey  
Moderator, Board of Deacons .....  
..... Robert Stewart, Jr.  
General Superintendent .....  
..... Ellsmer L. Piper, M. D.  
President, Woman's Association ....  
..... Mrs. H. C. Nagel  
President, Evening Missionary  
Society ..... Miss Helen Orr



## Baptist



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**T**HE Wilkinsburg Baptist Church was organized May 22, 1892, when Wilkinsburg was just four years old and had a population of 3,000. There were only nine members and the meeting place was Ralston Hall. When three months old, now having a membership of fifteen, they called their first pastor, Rev. J. M. Ray.

A church building was needed, so a

committee was appointed September 18, 1892 to secure one. Ten days later they recommended the purchase of the Methodist Church property near the corner of Wallace Avenue and Center Street, the site of the present building. The purchase was consummated, certain remodeling was done and the congregation moved to its new home December 17, 1893. Four years later, Sep-

tember 30, 1896, Rev. Ray closed his pastorate being followed by Rev. John M. Moore, who began his ministry April 11, 1897.

During Rev. Moore's pastorate, a mission was established in Homewood—now the Homewood Baptist Church—and the entire indebtedness of the church was liquidated. Rev. George C. Horter came to the church as Pastor, August 1, 1904. Under his ministry the present building was erected, being dedicated January 13, 1907.

The next pastor, Dr. B. F. G. McGee came in 1908 and ended his work October, 1914. Dr. J. A. Monk came as pastor September 15, 1915 and continued until August 31, 1920. Between the pastorates of Dr. McGee and Dr. Monk, the present organ was installed. November 7, 1920 brought Rev. Floyd Carr as pastor, his ministry ending September 16, 1923. Dr. C. H. Rust ministered to the church February 1, 1924 until November 30, 1925. Then came Rev. Oliver H. Sisson who was pastor for six years.

Rev. Orva Lee Ice, the present pastor, has been with the church five years, having begun his ministry December 1, 1932. The church is steadily progressing, growing stronger with each passing year.

REVEREND  
ORVA LEE ICE  
PASTOR

## Grace Evangelical

**G**RACE Evangelical Church had its beginnings in Wilkinsburg forty years ago, when in the Fall of 1897 a site for a church building was purchased at the corner of Pitt Street and Biddle Avenue. The Pittsburgh Conference of The United Evangelical Church, in March of 1898, appointed Rev. F. W. Barlett as missionary pastor, under whose direction a congregation was organized with a nucleus of members from the old Fulton Street Evangelical Church in Pittsburgh, and a brick church edifice was erected, which was dedicated on October 23 of the same year. The following year the building was enlarged, and by 1914 it became necessary to seek larger quarters elsewhere.

During the pastorate of Rev. M. E. Borger the present site on Wallace Avenue at Hay Street was secured, and the present stone building was dedicated on November 14, 1915. The organ, presented by the Dorcas Class, was dedicated on July 27, 1930.

In 1922 The United Evangelical Church, of which Grace Church was a part, was merged with The Evangelical Association, giving the name The Evangelical Church to the united body.

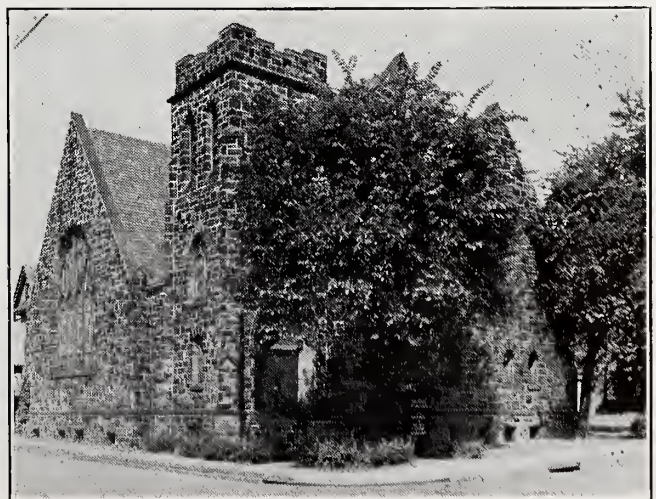
Seven charter members remain on

the roll of the church: Mrs. F. W. Barlett, widow of the first pastor; Mrs. Sadie Gall, Mr. George S. Frey, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Weisz, and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wolford.

In the early years of the congregation's life the denominational policy limited a pastorate to three years, and this limit—advanced by stages to seven years, and finally abandoned—made frequent changes necessary. In its forty years Grace Church has been

served by twelve different pastors, as follows: Rev. F. W. Barlett, 1898-1901; Rev. F. W. Ware, 1901-1905; Rev. C. D. Slagle, 1905-1906; Rev. David Berkey, 1906-1909; Rev. N. M. Miller, 1909-1910; Rev. H. H. Bird, 1910-1912; Rev. M. E. Borger, 1912-1917; Rev. C. C. Poling, 1917-1920; Rev. E. A. Miles, 1920-1925; Rev. James G. Clark, 1925-1930; Rev. S. R. Schieb, 1930-1936, and Rev. Paul E. Miller, present pastor.

REVEREND  
PAUL E. MILLER  
PASTOR





## Callender Memorial

**T**HE Callender Memorial Church began its activities as a Bible School in the Fall of 1928. The following year the present Pastor, P. B. Kurtz, D. D., was called and the organization was properly incorporated under the Laws of the State of Pennsylvania.

This year (1937) a new building was erected on Ross Avenue near Center Street. The new edifice was occupied on the Lord's Day, June 6, 1937, and duly dedicated to the Worship and Service of Almighty God on Sunday afternoon, June 27, 1937. Previous to the occupancy of the new building, all meetings were held in the Malta Temple.

Two foreign Missionaries have been supported for the past seven years; one in South India and a native worker in Ceylon. Mrs. Edna Campbell, a member of the Church, is engaged in Missionary work among the Indians in the Ozark Mountains, and a young man, Mr. Irvine Robertson, is preparing for the foreign field. Contributions have been made to the Moody Bible Institute, Wheaton College, Bob Jones College, American Board of Missions to the Jews, China Inland Mission, South Africa General Mission and various other

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**REVEREND**  
**PARKE B. KURTZ**  
**PASTOR**  
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phases of Fundamental Christian work at home and abroad.

The Church is open for Worship and Prayer every Lord's Day, morning and evening, and also on Wednesday evening throughout the year. The Prayer Meeting on Wednesday evenings has averaged 58 in attendance for eight consecutive years. A class for intensive Bible Study meets every Tuesday even-

ing from October to April. While the Church is Undenominational, it is associated in fellowship with the Independent Fundamental Churches of America.

It is the purpose of the Callender Memorial Church to maintain a Gospel Preaching and a Bible Teaching testimony for the salvation of the lost and the edification of Believers.

## Beth Israel Congregation

**T**HE Beth Israel Congregation of Wilkinsburg is the first Hebrew congregation that was ever organized in Wilkinsburg. On September 8th, 1936, a meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Reich. Twenty-two families were represented. The following temporary officers were elected:

Chas. Kline ..... President  
 Meyer Davidow ..... Vice President  
 M. D. Shuster ..... Secretary

The first Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kipur services were held on September 17th-18th-26th, 1936 at 745 Penn Ave. Rev. I. Lurie and his son, Robert, conducted Conservative Hebrew services. On January 1st, 1937, a hall was rented at 759 Penn Ave. and after extensive remodeling and redecorating a permanent Synagogue was established. There are 109 Jewish families in this Community. A Hebrew School is conducted four afternoons a week where the

children are instructed to read and write Hebrew. Sunday School is held at 10 a. m. under the auspices of the Sisterhood.

The following are the officers and directors of Beth Israel Congregation:

B. Cohan	.....	President
S. Reich	.....	Vice President
M. Davidow	.....	Treasurer
M. D. Shuster	.....	Secretary
S. Reich	.....	Chairman of the Board
M. D. Shuster	.....	Secretary of the Board
M. A. Cooper		
A. J. Schwartz		
S. Arnold		
I. H. Goldy		
L. Weiner		
B. Cohan		
M. Davidow		



### INTERIOR OF THE BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION SYNAGOGUE

Left to Right—Lawrence Knee, Harvey Shapiro, Cantor Morris Barrish, Arthur B. Knee, Irwin E. Weiner.

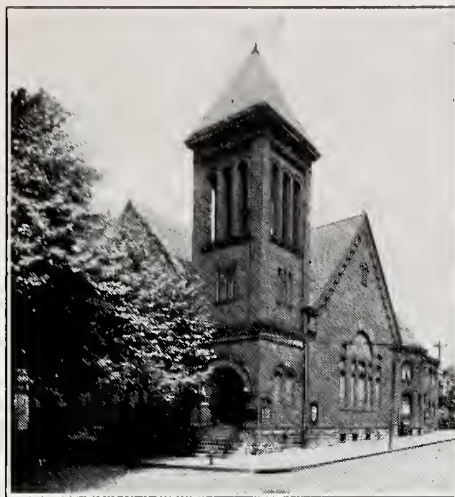
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## First United Presbyterian

THE first, or organization meeting, of this congregation was held November 21, 1882. At this meeting 50 members united with the church, and the first service was held in the old Reformed Presbyterian Church where the present structure now stands. The election of Elders and Trustees took place at this meeting and the first officers were elected as follows: Elders, T. D. Turner and Z. J. McIlvaine; Trustees, John Bartley, William Turner (father of the Allegheny County Treasurer William Turner), George McKee, Chas. W. Hutchinson, W. S. Watt and James Porter.

About the time of the organization steps were taken to build a church. The lot, at the corner of North Avenue and Wood Street, where the present building now stands, was purchased for six hundred dollars. A building was erected costing \$3239.50. This was dedicated in 1883. The first building and the auditorium added, constituted the



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JAMES BEST  
PASTOR

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second house of worship, which was dedicated in 1892. At this time fifteen feet on the west side of the original lot were donated by John Kochenderfer. This building was burned on Sabbath, January 27, 1895.

Services were held in what was then known as the Opera House, on Penn Avenue, from January until December of 1895. The first service in the present building was held in the chapel, or lecture room, December 18, 1895, and the building was dedicated April 5, 1896. The cost of the building was \$30,000.

The ministers who have served the congregation are as follows: Dr. M. M. Patterson, the first pastor, took charge January 1, 1884, and served 25 years; Dr. J. D. Rankin, served four years; Dr. George E. Raitt, two years; Dr. F. R. Elder, ten years; Dr. James Best, the present pastor, nine years.

Of the 50 original charter members, there are but six remaining.

## Second United Presbyterian

THE Second United Presbyterian Church was organized in 1891 with thirty-seven members. Six of the charter members are still active in the life of the church.

The Reverend John A. Burnett, D. D., was the first pastor. He served until 1905. During his pastorate the first church building was erected where the church is now located at the corner of Hay Street and Biddle Avenue. It was dedicated in 1895.

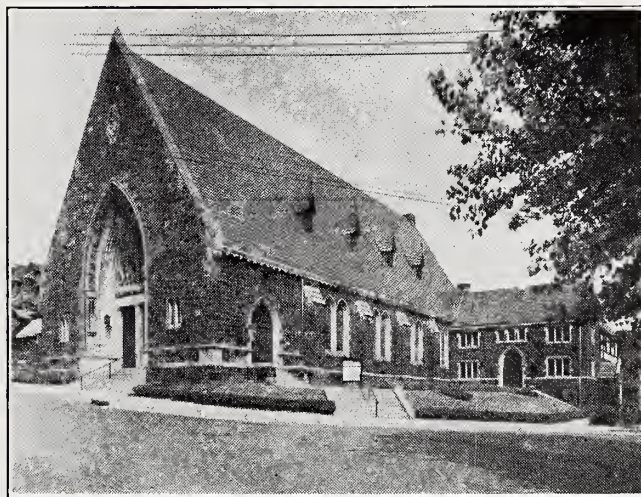
Dr. Burnett's pastorate was followed by that of Dr. T. D. Edgar. Dr. Edgar was pastor for twenty-seven years. During this pastorate the present building was erected in 1915. The present pastor, Dr. H. H. McConnell, began his pastorate in 1932.

This church has a rather unusual financial record. Since it was founded, forty-four per cent of all contributions to the church have been devoted to Benevolences. During the forty-six years of its history this congregation

has had but three pastors, and four Superintendents of the Bible School. M. H. Henning, J. K. Townsend, H. H. Galleher and F. H. Davis, the pres-

ent incumbent, have served in the latter capacity.

The present membership of the congregation is over nine hundred.



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REVEREND  
H. H. McCONNELL  
PASTOR



## Laketon Heights Methodist Episcopal

REVEREND  
H. M. CARNAHAN  
PASTOR



## First Presbyterian

**T**HIS church is the fourth child of Beulah Church. It was the natural development of a Sabbath School Mission established in Wilkinsburg. Organized on May 10, 1866 with twenty-seven charter members with Dr. John Semple and John W. Milligan its first elders, it now has a membership of 1665. The first church was built in 1870 on the corner of Wood Street and South Avenue. The present edifice was built in 1899. Other ministers who have served the church were

Samuel M. Henderson.....	1867-1878
John C. Irwin.....	1878-1884
Samuel H. Moore.....	1885-1895
Thomas Parry .....	1896-1905
E. Trumbull Lee .....	1906-1913

The following churches are out-growths of this church—Calvary Presbyterian and Second Presbyterian, Wilkinsburg; Waverly Presbyterian and Forest Hills Church.

In 1901 the church started a mission in the Frankstown district but at the request of the Presbytery it was taken

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REVEREND  
GEO. TAYLOR, JR.  
PASTOR

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over by the Homewood Church. The Blackadore Church is the out-growth of this mission.

The following members have entered the ministry from this church—Clarence B. Wible, Mount Washington; Rudolph M. Miller, Saltsburg, Pa.; Craig L. Long, New Haven, Conn.;

Laverne R. Sandy, Blackadore Church; Roy B. Connor, Jr., Brilliant, Ohio and Clyde R. Wheeland. Richard M. Stroman is now studying for the ministry in Princeton Theological Seminary.

The church supports missionaries in Brazil, India, Alaska and Persia.

## Hebron United Presbyterian



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REVEREND  
J. C. McCONAUGHY  
PASTOR

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clay, came to Hebron on January 11th, 1867, and served this Church and community for some forty-three years. Devoted to his people, Dr. Barclay gave his best to this congregation.

The third pastor, Rev. J. C. McConaughy, became pastor of Hebron on April 1st, 1910 and has continued in the service of this Congregation to the present time.

Hebron congregation has grown with the growth of the community and is today a happy family of Christian people, seeking to share the Gospel riches with the entire community. For eighty-seven years Hebron U. P. Church has labored, in peace and good-will, to build the kingdom of God in this community, and today this congregation is looking to an expanding and enlarged service in this growing community.



**H**EBRON United Presbyterian Church was organized August 30th, 1850. When organized there were but forty-four members, thirty-six persons coming into the organization by Letter, and eight by profession of their faith in Christ. In March 1858, Hebron and East Liberty (now the Sixth U. P. Church, Pittsburgh) were united

in one pastoral charge, and on June 22nd, 1858, the Rev. H. C. McFarland was installed as Pastor of the united charge. After six years of faithful labor in the double charge, Rev. McFarland was released from Hebron that he might give his entire time to the East Liberty Church.

The second pastor, Dr. David Bar-



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# Organizations

The famous quip "that when two Englishmen meet—they organize" is applicable to Wilkinsburgers.

Wilkinsburg has scores of human organizations, containing the associated old and young, male and female—embracing practically every activity of human thought.

Hundreds of the citizens of this community have formed groups for purposes, fraternal, civic, religious, political, charitable, social and educational and the good wrought the Borough by these countless organizations is incalculable.

In times of distress or disaster the noble folk of Wilkinsburg have never hesitated to immediately take up their duties to those who need friendly hands and warmth and shelter and aid. Theirs is a long, golden record of achievement, the count of which is known only to God.

In times of celebration or the need of progress our men and women respond with the same eagerness to contribute their weighty might toward the advancement of the pleasures and happiness of Wilkinsburg.

In the pages following the Nugget presents those organizations whose pictures and stories were available. No book will ever carry the complete list—no human can ever assemble that list.

Wilkinsburg is proud of its organizations—they are as necessary to the welfare of the community as the sunshine is to our trees.

—ELIZABETH PRATT



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## The Chamber of Commerce



Front Row—(Left to Right) L. E. Husemen, David M. Geschwindt, Secretary; C. E. Wolford, E. D. Rudolph, C. A. Faller.  
Second Row—John Caldwell, Dr. T. W. McFadden, Algy S. Moore, President; Dr. Geo. H. Kirkpatrick, T. W. Stephens.  
Missing from picture—C. C. Ailes, Vice President; Louis Dasch, Treasurer; R. E. Whitfield

**W**HILE the name Chamber of Commerce has only been used since June 28th, 1932 by the business and professional men's trade association, the Board of Trade, organized February 28th, 1893, compared identically in principles and objectives with the present day organization. In fact today's Chamber of Commerce is the outgrowth of the Board of Trade, later the Wilkinsburg Business Men's Association. The original group whose names appeared on the Charter are as follows: W. F. Brinker, J. S. B. Mercer, Rowland Balph, John W. Beatty, A. W. Duff, and J. A. Langfitt. The officers at the time of the 25th Anniversary of the Borough were as follows: President, Dr. S. G. Wertz; First Vice President, O. M. Coon; Second Vice President, W. C. Hawley; Treasurer, Chas. W. Walmer; Secretary, Walter Elder. The Directors were: E. E. Eaton, J. Frank Miller, W. La Rue Thomas, H. A. Walmer, John C. Heck, F. B. Tomb, F. H. Anderson, Robert MacConnell, J. G. McCullough, W. A. Jordan, H. H. Henning.

Sometime after 1912 the Board of Trade became the Wilkinsburg Business Men's Association and carried forward the work of the Board. The leading business and professional men of the town were very active with the re-

sulting growth of the Business district. Because of the selfish sound of the name Business Men's Association, it was decided to change it to Chamber of Commerce, in 1932, taking into membership Business and Professional men, and any civic minded citizen.

Its present officers are as follows: President, Algy S. Moore; Vice-President, C. C. Ailes; Secretary, David M. Geschwindt; Treasurer, Louis Dasch; Directors, Dr. T. W. McFadden, T. W. Stephens, Jr., John Caldwell, E. D. Rudolph, L. E. Husemen, C. A. Faller, C. E. Wolford, R. E. Whitfield, Dr. George Kirkpatrick.

The Chamber of Commerce promotes and protects Commerce and industry. It interests itself in civic conditions because they vitally affect business. It is Commercial, industrial, and civic in its character. It raises standards of doing business. It encourages physical improvements. Stimulates and develops better patronage of our Wilkinsburg enterprises. Eliminates the fakers and mushroom stores and peddlers. It is a permanent, conservative and dignified organization whose membership lends prestige to business and professional men and to citizens at large.

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## The American Legion CAPTAIN JOHN M. CLARKE POST NO. 305



First Row—(Left to Right) J. R. Eisaman, H. T. Paine, R. F. Boli, B. F. Foote, L. G. Yessler.

Second Row—R. R. Longwell, H. T. Bernard, John Metz, W. S. Wilkins, T. W. Stephens.

**T**HE local Post of the American Legion was organized in 1919. The Charter was granted in 1921, giving the official name of the Post as the Captain John M. Clarke Post No. 305, American Legion, Wilkinsburg-Edgewood. Captain Clarke was a resident of Edgewood, and served with the 28th Division, the old Pennsylvania National Guard.

From the time of its inception, the members of the Post have been men prominent in religious, civic and business affairs of Wilkinsburg and vicinity. The majority of its members are old residents, whose names are familiar to most everyone in the town.

The Legion has always been of service to War Veterans. We have supplied meals and rooms to transient Veterans, whether members of the Legion or not. We used our Post Headquarters for granting of the State Bonus to all Veterans, and with the aid of the Post Office Department, the Legion rooms were again used to facilitate the granting of the Bonus Bonds to all local Veterans.

Through the action of two of our members, Ralph Fornof and Ted Stephens, this Post has achieved an enviable record in Welfare work to Veterans, by placing disabled Veterans in Hospitals, and with the help of the Police Department, seeing that transient Veterans reached their destinations.

We have also tried to be of service to the community. With the aid of the Boy Scouts, we distributed toys to

some 1500 families in this vicinity at Christmas time, during the past several years. We were the organizers of the Boys' Club of Wilkinsburg, which is now being ably handled by other organizations.

We gave Wilkinsburg its first Community Fireworks about ten years ago, and, starting two years ago, it has now become an annual affair, being handled by the War Veterans' Council.

For fifteen years we have given Legion medals to the students of Wilkinsburg Junior High School, Edgewood Junior High School and the Institution for the Deaf, in Edgewood. The boy who receives the highest number of votes from his fellow students and his teachers in Courage, Honor, Leadership and Scholarship is the one who receives the medal, and they are very highly prized by their recipients. The Ladies' Auxiliary awards a similar medal to the girls.

We have been able to do these things through our Welfare Fund, this fund being very generously given to the Post by the people of Wilkinsburg, through their support of Poppy Day.

The present officers are as follows:  
R. F. Boli.....Commander  
B. F. Foote.....Sr. Vice Commander  
J. R. Eisaman.....Jr. Vice Commander  
L. G. Yessler.....Adjutant  
H. T. Paine.....Finance Officer  
Herman Bernard.....Chaplain  
John Mertz and R. L. Peterman.....

..... Sergeants-at-Arms  
Meetings are held at the Penn-Lincoln Hotel, on the fourth Tuesday of each month.



## Boys' Club



Seated—(Left to Right) Edw. H. Ritts, T. C. Moore, Mr. Brown, E. R. Kregar.  
Standing—D. M. Geschwindt, Frank J. Good, Hayward C. Griffin.

McClay

**I**N March, 1934, Mr. McInerney, field representative of the Federal P. W. A., in conversation with R. H. Fornof, Ted Stephens and Hiram C. Davis, suggested that some effort be made to have some organization care for the boys who have been using the streets as their playground.

These three met with the Burgess, Wm. P. Yocum and Rev. O. L. Ice, with reference to gathering as many of these boys as possible under the supervision of some one or group. The result was that Mr. Stephens offered the basement of his store at 729 Penn Avenue as a meeting place.

Mr. Davis undertook the supervision of about 50 boys who had been interested in the movement and, through untiring effort in soliciting materials, tools, etc., soon had the membership up to about 150.

In May a number of men gathered together to make plans to carry on the work which was growing too rapidly for one person to handle and for one room to accommodate. It was not until June of 1934 that any formal organization was formed. At this time a group of local men met at the Penn-Lincoln Hotel and the following officers chosen: President, E. A. Jenkins; Vice President, R. H. Fornof; Secretary, T. C. Moore; Treasurer, E. D. Rudolph and the Directors were: T. W. Stephens, Wm. P. Yocum and Wm. G. Marshall.

This group guided the destinies of the Boys' Club until March 1935, when all resigned in order that the sponsorship of the Club might be turned over to the Rotary Club. Mr. J. D. Flude

was selected to head the organization, but owing to his departure from Wilkinsburg, the former officers carried on until January of 1936. At this time, another group of officers was chosen. President, R. J. Patterson; Vice President, T. W. Stephens; Secretary, T. C. Moore; Treasurer, E. D. Rudolph and as Directors, W. S. Radcliffe, E. R. Kregar, J. Paxton Hart, J. E. McCullough, Rev. O. L. Ice, D. R. Ferguson, J. Leonard Cook, Dr. J. R. McCune, Dr. Robert Sankey, H. C. Griffin, and John Slausenhaupt.

In January of 1936, the second floor of the building at the corner of Penn Avenue and Hay Street was secured through the help of Mr. R. G. Bostwick, the Rotary Club guaranteeing the rent. It became necessary to find new quarters as the club had grown to over 300 boys.

During the year 1936-1937 the membership increased to over 400.

The program for 1937-1938 season includes three special activities: Woodwork, Metal Work and Printing. There will also be an opportunity for any of the boys to continue their airplane modeling classes. The gymnasium will also be functioning.

Since the resignation of Mr. Davis in 1935, Marvin Brown has been the Director of the organization. He has outlined a program for the 1937-38 season which, if carried out successfully, will require a budget of about \$10,000.

Up to and including 1937 the club has depended upon the contributions of individuals and the Service and Civic organizations of Wilkinsburg for its support.

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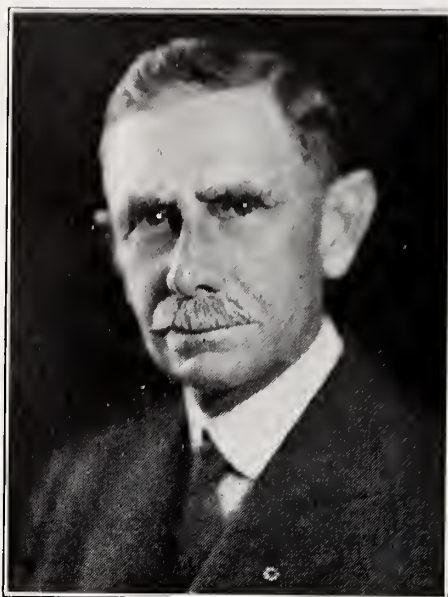


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## Boy Scouts of America EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL



JOHN F. MILLER  
Honorary Life President



FRANK C. DEMMLER  
President

**T**HERE are those who still ask just what is involved in the program of the Boy Scouts of America. As pointed out in the By-Laws of the organization, there are five essential elements: (1) The **Boy** as an individual and in patrol and troop with his uniform and associations, (2) under the **leadership** of carefully selected and trained volunteers, (3) carrying on **activities** which include achievement and recognition, (4) made possible through **organization**—institutional, local, regional, national and world-wide under trained professional leadership, and (5) all this animated by the **Scout Oath** or **Promise**, the **Scout Law**, and the Scout Ideals of **Service**.

During the twenty-seven years of its existence six and one-half million young men have been scouts in America. In our East Boroughs Council, with headquarters in Wilkinsburg, 2,400 boys are currently active members, either cubs (9 to 12), scouts (12 to 15) or senior scouts (15 up) under the leadership of more than six hundred volunteers.

East Boroughs Council is perhaps best known because of the popularity of its magnificent camp, Twin-Echo, in the foothills of the Alleghenies near Ligonier.

Both the camp and the strong local organization have been made possible through the foresight, leadership and generosity of many local men and women.

The Executive Board at present consists of the following men:

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Organization.....Mr. O. V. Stewart

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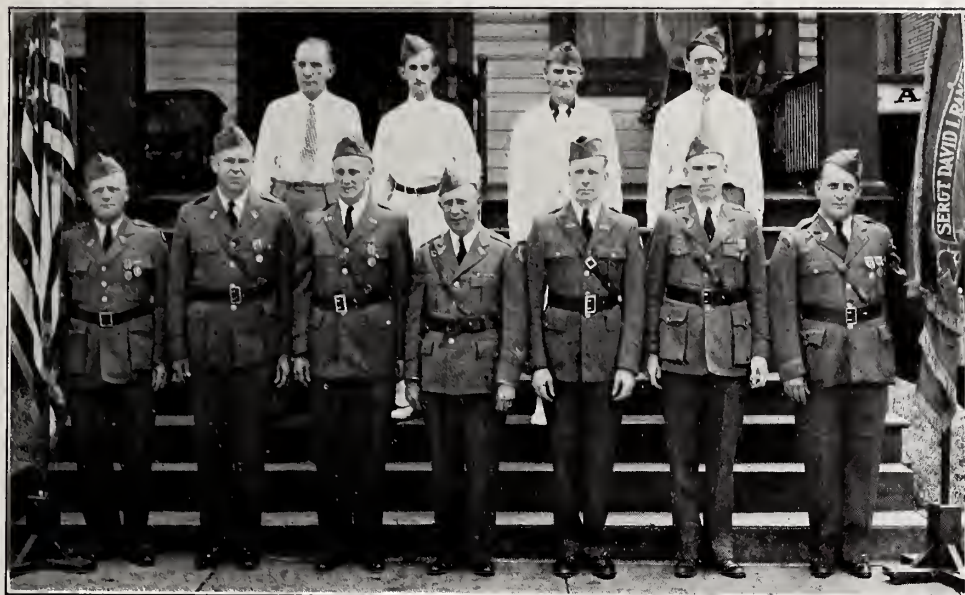
Mr. Roy L. Slocum

Mr. W. R. Woodward



## Veterans of Foreign Wars

### SGT. DAVID I. RANKIN POST NO. 234



First Row—(Left to Right) R. M. Thompson, Chaplain; W. L. Hitt, Trustee; Archie Henry, Sr. Vice Commander; E. J. Scheller, Commander; W. L. Anderson, Jr. Vice Commander; N. M. McDowell, Post Advocate; S. J. Miller, Service Officer.  
Second Row—R. N. Critchlow, Adjutant; D. W. Smith, Trustee; Dr. W. J. Hastings, Post Surgeon; Paul Graffius, Quartermaster.

**I**N writing the history of Post 234, credit should and must be given those men who so diligently worked to that end. For in 1919 and 1920 the returned soldier seemed to be trying to forget there had been a war rather than becoming enthused over a veterans organization. Though John Stotlemeyer, a Spanish War veteran, and at that time Commander of Wm. McKinley Post No. 4 Veterans of Foreign Wars headed an organization committee that refused to give up, and the first meeting was held Saturday, October 11, 1919, in the Knights of Malta hall then at 759 Penn avenue.

This our first meeting was attended by fifteen men. Herman Furlong was elected first Commander, and "Sgt. David I. Rankin" was the name selected for the Post in honor of a local boy who had lost his life in action in France. George Rankin, Jr., father of David, presented us with our first colors.

Our charter was granted October 11, 1921, by Robert G. Woodside. By 1925 we had a membership of 357.

We sponsor a boys' band that has taken part in all community activity and which is described elsewhere in the "Nugget."

During the depression years we conducted our own relief and cared for our needy comrades and their families as best we could. At the time of the flood in March 1936, our present building at 726 Ross Avenue, was used as a headquarters and supply depot for the food

and clothing gathered throughout the district for the flood sufferers.

Perhaps our saddest task has been the burial of our departed comrades, those whose bodies were brought home from France and those who have left us in later years.

However, there have been brighter days in our history with street fairs, and other such activities that were conducted to raise the funds that helped in the purchase of our present home.

Our Post was host to the State Convention held here June 27th, 28th and 29th, 1935.

We have worked in conjunction with the United Spanish War Veterans and the American Legion in the forming of the War Veterans Council to form a spirit of friendliness and cooperation for our Memorial Day exercises as well as the community fire works on July fourth.

Our present officers are:

E. J. Scheller .....Commander  
Archie Henry.....Sr. Vice Commander  
W. L. Anderson....Jr. Vice Commander  
R. N. Thompson.....Chaplain  
Thos. E. Goffe.....Post Historian  
P. D. Graffius.....Quartermaster  
R. N. Critchlow .....Adjutant  
Dr. W. J. Hastings.....Post Surgeon  
N. M. McDowell.....Post Advocate  
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Second Row—J. M. Connor, C. H. Watson, Wm. Moir, Jr., J. Harvey Dunn, Frank Gootz, J. M. Snyder.

Missing from picture—Henry VanRyn and C. A. Bossart.

**T**HE Order of Knights of Pythias was founded in the City of Washington, D. C., February 19, 1864, and chartered by an act of Congress of the United States.

Wilkinsburg Lodge No. 384 Knights of Pythias was instituted on the 10th day of December 1872, in a log cabin corner of Penn and Wood Streets,

where the First National Bank Building now stands. Meets every Friday evening.

Brothers John H. Snyder, Floyd Ross, Samuel Powell, James Duncan, and J. M. Snyder have been members of Wilkinsburg Lodge for 50 years or more. E. V. Cupps, Chancellor Commander. C. H. Watson, K. of R. and S.

## Knights of Saint John



First Row—(Left to Right) Wm. Gorman, Recording Secretary; J. P. Mulvihill, 2nd Vice President; Jas. A. Weaver, 1st Vice President; Earl H. Dumm, President; Daniel F. O'Leary, Treasurer; Joseph A. Hannon, Financial Secretary; Mark A. Cushing.

Second Row—Wm. Kennedy, Ed. Flanagan, Bernard Fierst, Wm. A. Schleicher, Thomas J. Daily, Joseph G. Stumpf, John F. Harding, John King, Wm. J. Cullen.

**S**T. James Commandery No. 153 Knights of St. John was organized in Wilkinsburg on February 13, 1890.

Our organization has social and

beneficial features, also insurance, which is carried through our international organization.

Our meeting rooms and social quarters are centrally located, being on the second floor of 712 Wood Street.





## The Girl Scouts in Wilkinsburg



**G**IRL Scouts all over the nation have been observing the Silver Anniversary of Girl Scouting during the past months, so the Girl Scouts of Allegheny County are already aware of the importance of 1937 as a milestone as they send heartiest greetings to Wilkinsburg on its Golden Anniversary. Wilkinsburg might almost be called the cradle of Girl Scouting in the County since it was the home of one of the first of our local troops which met in South Avenue M. E. Church more than twenty years ago under the leadership of the late Mrs. Florence Shaw. Today there are five active troops in Wilkinsburg proper:

**Troop 57**—Waverly M. E. Church  
Mrs. Eleanor Garrett, leader

**Troop 141**—First U. P. Church  
Mrs. Thomas C. Pears, 3rd, leader

**Troop 147**—Second Pres. Church  
Miss Dorothy Russell, leader

**Troop 149**—Wilkinsburg Baptist Church

Mrs. H. E. Eversole, leader  
**Troop 154**—Second Pres. Church  
Miss Jane Lloyd, leader

Naturally there is an objective behind our program which has been approved by the best educational authorities of the country. It is a happy combination of physical, mental and character-building activities, all with a practical bearing on some phase of daily life. It is designed to supplement the work of the church, home and school in such a way as to bridge the gap that exists so often in a girl's mind between her desires and her duties. We try to make her like what she ought to have, to develop any natural bent that will bring her pleasure and possibly profit during her life.

The Girl Scouts would like to extend an invitation to all Wilkinsburg Girls between the ages of 10 and 18 to join the Girl Scouts but unfortunately such an invitation is not possible at present since all existing troops have full

membership and several of them have long waiting lists. Local Headquarters can suggest no finer piece of community service which young women of 21 years or over can give to Wilkinsburg during its Golden Anniversary year than to volunteer for some phase of Girl Scout leadership. Your community needs such leadership; the girls will welcome more Scouting with open arms; local headquarters will gladly offer the requisite training to young women who are interested. For further information about leadership qualifications and training apply to Mrs. Asher F. Shupp (PEnhurst 8710) or to the County office in the Investment Building, downtown (COurt 3189).

There are already five thousand Girl Scouts in Allegheny County. Wilkinsburg alone could have 500 tomorrow, if there were enough well trained leaders. How about that for a Golden Anniversary objective?

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## Columbia Hospital



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**C**OLUMBIA Hospital, located at the corner of Penn Avenue and West Street, Wilkesburg, Penna., is a general hospital of 214 beds. It is owned and managed by the United Presbyterian Women's Association of North America. It is approved by the American College of Surgeons, the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Board of Medical Education and Licensure and the Pennsylvania State Board of Examiners for the Registration of Nurses. It is an institutional member of local, state and national hospital organiza-

tions. Mrs. J. L. Beatty is president of the Board of Managers and Miss Martha R. Speer, R. N., is superintendent of the hospital.

During the 31 years of its existence, Columbia has built up an impressive record of service to the community. Of the 85,000 patients admitted to the hospital, 25,000 were treated free of charge. Until 1922, the cost of this service was partly defrayed by an appropriation from the state but since that time (1922), the expense, amounting to \$853,258.00, has been borne entirely by the hospital. Although state



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### COLUMBIA HOSPITAL SEWING SOCIETY

First Row—(Left to Right) Mrs. Laura Driscoll, Mrs. R. M. Logan, Mrs. R. W. Hannan, Mrs. P. E. Henninger, Mrs. W. G. Van Jandt, Bessie W. Magnus, Mrs. J. H. Mullett.  
Second Row—Mrs. Ira Hogg, Mrs. W. J. Bain, Mrs. W. H. Garrett, Mrs. H. C. Patchin, Mrs. C. W. Hagan, Mrs. J. H. Hartman, Mrs. Fred J. France, Mrs. Eugene Gaskill.





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### COLUMBIA HOSPITAL NURSES TRAINING SCHOOL

First Row—(Left to Right) Mary Sabol, Catherine Willig, Grace New, Margaret Davis, Nellie Devroude, Laura Coyne, Dorothy Jones, Melva Zatezalo, Ruth Stangarone, Dorothy Spencer.

Second Row—Mary Kasonic, Jeanne Keck, Mary Fedor, Betty Weddell, Lucy McConnell, Ann Clement, Maurietta Shoemaker, Florence Mohny, Directress; Mary Louise Markle, Virginia Brown, Hilda Lonberger, Genevieve Ritchie, Elsie Reigh, Mary Robertshaw.

Third Row—Mary Ellen Koontz, Leona Toperzer, Jean Thompson, Pauline Andros, Dorothy Reichhold, Jean Grabill, Doris Brown, Gladys Williams, Virginia Walker, Ruth McMaster, Westanna Merriman.

aid was withdrawn in 1922 (on the grounds of church affiliation), the growing need of hospital care for the indigent sick of the community was recognized by the Board of Managers and, in 1925, the Dispensary was opened. Each week day clinics in Medicine and Surgery and their special branches are held under the supervision of the Medical Staff. Applicants for treatment are interviewed by the social worker, Miss Ruth Walker, who refers them to the appropriate clinic. Since 1925, 13,324 patients made 60,728 visits to the Dispensary.

In 1934, the Columbia Hospital Dispensary Committee was organized. Under the leadership of their chairman, Mrs. C. I. Cottam, this committee has fitted up an examining room for the Dispensary and a book room from which books and magazines are distributed to the patients once each week.

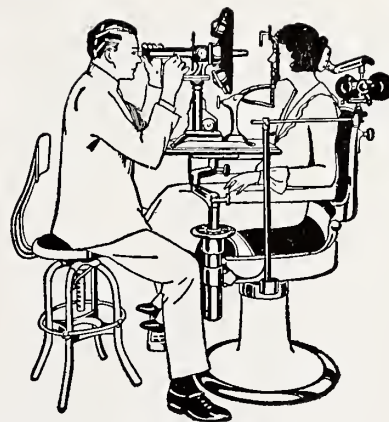
The same year, the Columbia Hospital Sewing Society was organized with Mrs. Philip Henninger, Chairman. The members of this Society are also residents of Wilkinsburg and vicinity. The Society meets once each



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The School of Nursing connected with the hospital is under the direction of Miss Florence E. Mohney, R.N., B.S. The School has graduated 431 nurses, many of whom are engaged in various branches of their profession at

home and abroad.

The hospital has also presented diplomas to 103 internes. Many are practicing physicians in Pennsylvania and other states.

On May 18th, 1934, the Columbia Hospital Alumnae Association celebrated the 25th year of its organization with a Reception and Tea at the Nurses' Residence.

The Medical Staff, numbering 75 outstanding physicians and surgeons of Wilkesburg and vicinity, have the following officers:

Dr. D. H. Boyd, President  
Dr. W. C. Bryant, Vice-President  
Dr. D. B. Ludwig, Secretary

## Ladies of Grand Army of the Republic



First Row—(Left to Right) Laura Bell, P. P.; Anna Mitchell, P. P.; Sara C. Johnson, P. D. P.; Mary H. Behm, President; Frances M. Kuhns, National President; Caroline Richmond, Charter Member; Margaret Hopper, P. P.; Sadie Brown, P. P.; Ella L. Steele, P. P.

Second Row—Bessie C. Steele, Carrie M. McGaughy, Mary Hodge, Elnora McElwee, Pianist; Lila Klingensmith, Asst. Guard; Sadie D. Behm, Home President; Elizabeth Coffman, Stella E. Fogle, Clara Kearns, Sr. Vice; Ida Quinette, Eliza E. Miller, Mary E. McGuire.

Third Row—Nellie E. Kiefer, Mary Kurtz, Guard; Lyde Definbaugh, Anna L. Amwag, Euphemia Davis.

**M**AJOR Wm. G. Lowry Circle No. 27, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, was granted a Charter with 23 members, March 19, 1888, with headquarters in Ralston Hall, Wood Street. The President was Mary A. Hill.

This Circle was the Auxiliary of Major Wm. G. Lowry Post No. 548, Veterans of the Civil War. Both organizations were named for Major Lowry, who was wounded at Gettysburg, and was carried to safety under fire by David Richmond of the local Post. Richmond was cited as Corporal for his bravery, and, his widow Caroline Richmond is the only Charter member.

Lowry Circle has been an outstand-

ing Circle in the Department, and presented Sara C. Johnson, as the Department President in 1917.

The Motive of Circle 27, is caring for the Ladies G. A. R. Home at Swissvale. This Circle is represented by Sadie Davis Behm, the President of the Board, and Ella Stewart a Board member.

Membership of 60 members, 19 Honorary members, is blood kin of Civil War Veterans. Commander-in-Chief C. H. Wm. Ruhe is an Honorary member, and the late John Renton, last Comrade of Post 548, held Honorary membership.

The President is Mary H. Behm, with Circle headquarters in the Elk's Home, 742 Ross Avenue, meetings first and third Wednesdays 2 P. M.



## Sparton Club



**S**PARTON CLUB was organized in 1924 as a SOCIAL and CIVIC organization. It has a membership of 400 local citizens. In 1925 the club moved to 710 Penn Avenue. On account of remodeling of the building at the above address, the club on FEBRUARY 1st of this year remodeled and decorated their present CLUB ROOMS at 825 WOOD STREET.

The Officers and Trustees of the Club:

GEO. A. JOHNSON.....	President
M. GREENAWAY .....	Vice-President
J. McCRAE .....	Secretary
C. R. BLAKELEY.....	Treasurer
HUGH ROBINSON .....	Chairman of the Board
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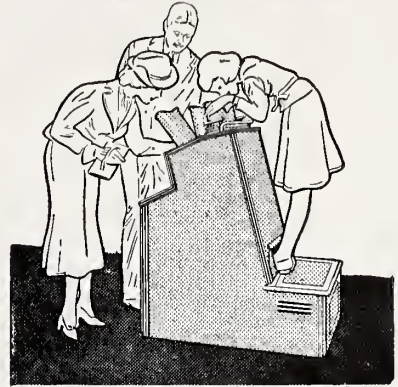
## Wednesday Afternoon Club



Seated from Left to Right are Mrs. E. W. Brown, Social Chairman; Mrs. Harriet J. Bombrick, President; Mrs. John C. Fox, Chairman of Finance. Standing, Left to Right—Mrs. J. W. Adams, Program Chairman and Mrs. F. H. Braddock, Philanthropic Chairman.

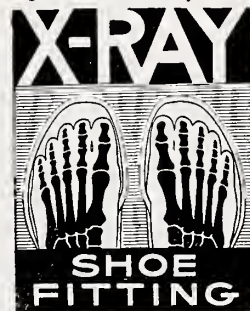
**T**HE Wednesday Afternoon Club of Wilkinsburg was organized in 1898. Mrs. John A. Reinhart was the first president. The club program combines social, cultural and philanthropic projects. The membership is forty.

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Second Row—Ruth Fields, Jennie Reed, Florence Smith, Elizabeth Fornof, Cecelia Fornof, Marie Schleicher, Leah Henry, Eleanor Altenbaugh.  
Third Row—Margaret Mantzell, Erma Kelley, Mary C. Barr, Maude McGivern, Harriet Green, Ethel Chaffey, Myrtle Fry.  
Fourth Row—Rose McHenry, Emily Hastings, Charlotte Quinette, Rose Hay, Grace Kessler, Helen Lei.  
Fifth Row—Sarah Womer, Ella Stewart, Anne Rankin, Elizabeth A. Daniels, Lila Klingensmith, A. C. Defibaugh, Leila Morrow.  
Missing from picture—Mrs. Geo. W. West, charter member, past president, present department officer.

**T**HE Ladies' Auxiliary to Sgt. David I. Rankin Post 234 Veterans of Foreign Wars of U. S. was organized December 31, 1927. Mrs. George Rankin, Jr. was chosen as the first President.

The purpose of the Ladies' Auxiliary is to be of service to the Post in every way possible. Every cooperation is given the Post in their aid to the disabled service man and his family. Once a year the members of the Auxiliary sell "Buddy Poppies" the Saturday preceding Memorial Day. Part of the proceeds from the sale of "Buddy Poppies" is used in maintaining a National Home at Eaton Rapids, Mich. for widows and orphans of service men. This home is second to none in the country, covering a tract of land 10 miles square.

At the present time there are about two hundred orphans and thirty widows at the Home. A fully equipped hospital was built and is maintained by the National Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S. An extensive hospital program is car-

ried out locally with weekly visits made at Aspinwall Hospital where cigarettes and matches are distributed and hospitalized non-compensated service men are provided with clothing and other necessities. This Auxiliary is the second largest in Allegheny County and meets the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month at the Post Home, 726 Ross Avenue, Wilkesburg, with the following officers presiding: President.....Mrs. Anna Bell  
Sr. V.-Pres....Mrs. Charlotte Thompson  
Jr. V.-Pres.....Mrs. Elsie Black  
Treasurer.....Mrs. Lucille West  
Secretary.....Mrs. Lillian Stevenson  
Conductress.....Mrs. Hannah Mayer  
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.....Mrs. Harriette Graffius  
Historian.....Mrs. Ethel Weyman  
Banner Bearer....Mrs. Mary Ainsworth  
Color Bearers—Mrs. Cecelia Fornof,  
Mrs. Leah Henry, Mrs. Marie Schleicher, Mrs. Eleanor Altenbaugh.  
Trustees—Mrs. Florence Smith, Mrs. Jennie Reed, Mrs. Elizabeth Fornof.  
Musician.....Mrs. Ruth Fields



## Thursday Afternoon Club



Seated—(Left to Right) Mrs. Walter L. Hitt, First Vice President; Mrs. Harry M. Brown, President; Mrs. James V. Stewart, Second Vice President.  
 Standing—Miss Charlotte K. Atkinson, Historian; Mrs. H. F. Ramsey, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Theodore Baker, Parliamentarian; Mrs. T. M. Haynes, Treasurer; Mrs. R. G. Byerly, Jr., Recording Secretary.

THE "Thursday Afternoon Club" is the oldest club in Wilkinsburg. It was organized in 1897 with 25 members. A short time before that Miss Clara Davison invited a few friends to her home to a fancy-work party. The girls had such a good time that they decided to form a literary and fancy-work club. At the formal organization a name was chosen. Miss Effie A. Young was the first president. In 1898 the first Year Books were printed and distributed to the members.

It was decided to select a country each year, and study everything about that country, each member to write a paper on the subject assigned to her in the Year Book. Spain was studied the first year.

In 1899 the club was Federated. Since then the programs have included lectures by noted men and women on various subjects and musical afternoons and evenings.

The meetings have always been held in the homes of the members, with the exception of one year during the War when the club, as a unit met in St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and made surgical dressings.

During the forty years the club has grown and developed from a purely selfish one for the pleasure and education of the members to one with a wide scope of interest, taking an active part in community betterment, philanthropic and charitable projects and being interested in welfare of many sorts.

### Officers and Members

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 First Vice President.....Mrs. W. L. Hitt  
 Second Vice President.....Mrs. J. V. Stewart  
 Recording Sec.....Mrs. R. G. Byerly, Jr.  
 Cor. Sec.....Mrs. H. F. Ramsey  
 Assistant Secretary.....Mrs. Herbert Russell  
 Treasurer.....Mrs. T. M. Haynes  
 Historian.....Miss Charlotte K. Atkinson  
 Parliamentarian.....Mrs. Theodore Baker

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Second Row—Christina Anex, Janet Anderson, Margaret Christopher, Annie Sloan, Nettie Baurbour, Peggy Conner, Agnes Cameron, Annie Strunk, Jeanette Crawford.

**L**ADY Douglas Lodge No. 69, Auxiliary to Clan Douglas Lodge No. 229, Order of Scottish Clans was instituted April 15, 1915 in Duquesne Hall, Penn Avenue, Wilkinsburg, with forty-one charter members of which seven still remain. Present officers of the Lodge are as follows: Chief Daughter, Agnes Mann; Sub. Chief Daughter, Effie Stevick; Past Chief Daughter, Marion Simpson; Chaplain, Elma Moir; Conductor, Agnes Cameron; Ass't. Conductor, Annie Sloan; Treasurer, Margaret Christopher; Financial Secretary, Ina McWhirter; Recording Secretary, Ann Purdy; Inside Guard,

Jeanette Crawford; Outside Guard, Jessie Hardie; Pianist, Nettie Baurbour; Trustees, Janet Anderson, Christina Anex and Peggy Conner. Wonderful work was done by our Lodge during the World War. We made up boxes, and large sums of money, and sent to soldiers both here and abroad. We also formed a Red Cross unit that was held in Calvary Church where we knitted sweaters and sox, and also sewed for the soldiers. Any woman, Scotch or of Scottish descent, is invited to join our Lodge. We meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the Knights of Pythias Hall, Penn Avenue, Wilkinsburg.

## Beth Israel Sisterhood

**N**UMEROUS attempts have been made during the past fifteen years to organize a Jewish Community in the borough of Wilkinsburg, but it was not until a group of young Jewish girls, between the ages of twelve and fourteen years, got together and formed a local branch Young Judaea Club that any of these attempts materialized. This club was under the direction of a sponsor and was affiliated with the National Young Judaea Organization. In this way, young girls of the same faith were brought together in a spirit of social and Jewish activities, and in the same way parents who had never before met came together and became acquainted. However, as the girls grew older, their interests began to change and their school-work became more of a burden, giving them less time to devote



**MRS. SIGMUND ARNOLD, President**



and, therefore, the club was disorganized.

At about this time, young Jewish boys of approximately the same ages, organized a social group, which is still in existence and which is doing a fine piece of work in the field of charity.

However, the parents and the adult group of the Jewish people were as yet unorganized, but on a Thursday afternoon in February of 1936, twenty Jewish women met at the home of Mrs. Sigmund Arnold of Trenton Avenue, and decided to form an organization to be known as the Jewish Women's Club of Wilksburg, whose purpose it would be to foster a Jewish Sunday School and to promote social activities among the members.

Only two weeks after this first meeting, the Sunday School was begun under leadership of a Superintendent, recommended by the Southwestern District of Pennsylvania Jewish Religious Schools, and five teachers also recommended by the same organization. Fifteen months later, nine students were confirmed during a beautiful ceremony at the Congregation headquarters, 759 Penn Avenue.

The membership of the organization

gradually increased from the original twenty members until the present sixty-five, and it is hoped that the membership will continue to grow.

Many very interesting meetings and programs are sponsored to which friends of other denominations are always welcome.

When the men, husbands, brothers, and friends of the women, organized the Beth Israel Congregation, they asked the ladies to become affiliated with them, so that by working hand-in-hand a fine Congregation could be built up. It was then that the name was changed to the Beth Israel Sisterhood.

For the most part, the present officers are serving their second terms. Mrs. Sigmund Arnold is President, assisted by Mrs. Sidney Schwartz and Mrs. David Horr as Vice Presidents. Miss Clara Knee is Recording Secretary; Mrs. M. Falk, Corresponding Secretary; and Mrs. S. Berkovitz, Treasurer. The Board of Directors is composed of the following six members: Mrs. M. D. Shuster, chairman; Mrs. Saul Lieber, Mrs. Paul Stein, Mrs. Chas. Biron, Mrs. M. Wolfe, and Mrs. Lou Weiner.

Among plans for the coming year is an adult class in the study of Hebrew.



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**T**HIS band sponsored by the David I. Rankin Post, V. F. W., was organized in 1928 with Mr. W. P. Yocum as manager and Mr. John Bennett as musical director. It started with a membership of 30 boys most of them able to play their instruments well. The band grew rapidly in numbers and soon doubled its membership. A series of concerts were held and other events were planned to raise money for uniforms and equipment.

The first outdoor engagement of the band was the Memorial day exercises to Woodlawn Cemetery 1929 to honor our soldier dead. Each year since that time the band has taken part in this event. It has since its organization taken part in the Armistice Day program in Pittsburgh.

The band has been successful in several competitive contests and this year 1937 was awarded the first prize for Junior bands at the Pennsylvania State Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at Reading, Pennsylvania.

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## Inter-Club Community Council

THIS Council was formed with the idea of bringing together all the organizations and clubs in the Borough carrying on civic, religious, educational and philanthropic work, that they may do more effective service to the community, and also, to provide a clearing house for the endorsement of worthy projects.

The membership is of two classes, the delegate members which consist of two appointed representatives from each organization, preferably, one of these to be the President of said organization, and the members-at-large which is open to any person living or working in the community who is interested in local problems.

The Council had its inception at a Public Relations Dinner given by the Business and Professional Women's Club Monday evening, March 6th, 1933 in the Penn-Lincoln Hotel. Many local organizations were represented at this dinner and a resolution was presented and adopted that an Inter-Club or Congress of Clubs be formed here. A meeting of Club representatives was called soon after and the Inter-Club Council was formed. They did very effective work with the NRA and at

the time of the closing of the First National Bank.

In January 1932, owing to the stress and strain of giving adequate relief during the depression, Welfare Fund executives asked us to form an Advisory Council in order to eliminate duplication and overlapping of welfare work. This organization was called the Welfare Community Council and was very active during the next three years as all the local clubs and organizations were very actively engaged in welfare work.

The work of these two Councils being so similar it was proposed that they merge. This was done at a joint meeting of the Inter-Club Council and the Welfare Community Council held Nov. 7, 1935 in the Penn-Lincoln Hotel, the new organization to be known as the Inter-Club Community Council.

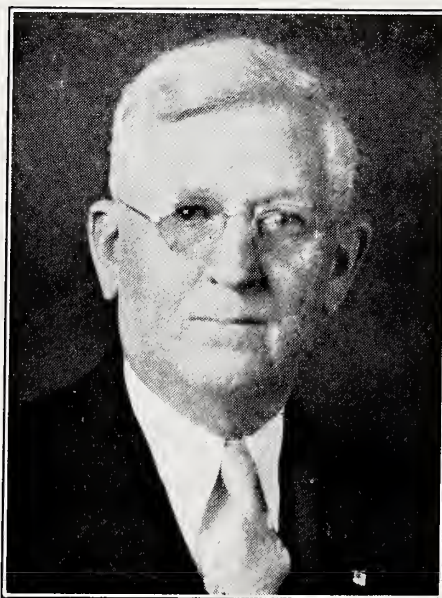
Meets the first Monday of each month from October to June at 8 o'clock in the Penn-Lincoln Hotel.

Officers—1936-1937

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Mrs. Beulah Russell.....V.-President  
Mrs. Elmer Milligan.....Secretary  
Mrs. R. M. Merrifield....Asst. Secretary  
Mrs. August Heckman.....Treasurer



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This organization enjoys a large membership throughout the United States and Canada, under the leadership of their Grand Chief Engineer, Alvanley Johnston, with Grand Offices in Cleveland, Ohio.

The General Chairman of the Pennsylvania Lines East, J. M. McCormick, was born in Wilkinsburg over 60 years ago, and has offices in the Wilkinsburg Bank Building, conducting the business of the Locomotive Engineers on the Pennsylvania Railroad in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and Washington, D. C.

ON May 8, 1863 a few Locomotive Engineers in Detroit, Michigan, formed an organization known as the Knights of the Footboard, which was



# United Spanish War Veterans

MAJOR JAMES L. SRODES CAMP No. 74



First Row—(Left to Right) Louis G. Wetzel, John H. Mitchell, Trustee; Julius Uphoff, Sergeant Major; R. G. Snyder, Sr. Vice Commander; Homer Carpenter, Chaplain; George Shields, Past Commander; John W. Stevenson, Sr. Color Sergt.; W. A. Klingensmith, Edward E. Thompson, Quartermaster; Herman B. Furlong, Jr. Vice Commander.

Second Row—Thomas Stoltz, William P. Love, Commander; John W. Green, Adjutant; August Shaffer, Past Commander; C. Elm, E. W. Cober, Officer of the Day; Capt. O. H. Garrison, Officer of the Guard; Chas. W. Probst, Quartermaster Sergt.; William F. J. Daniels, Reporter.

ON February 8th, 1916 a number of Spanish War Veterans and eligibles met at the home of Comrade Frank A. French for the purpose of organizing a new Camp in Wilkinsburg.

Past Commander-in-Chief Oscar T. Taylor was present and briefly outlined the procedure necessary for the formation of a Camp.

Comrade French was elected Chairman, Comrade Dierst, Secretary, and Comrade Connelly, Treasurer, all by acclamation.

There were sixteen present, ten of whom were members of Captain Hunt Camp No. 1, the others being eligibles.

All preliminaries were arranged at this meeting and it was requested that the commission for the purpose of first assembly be issued to Comrade A. H. Manheimer in recognition of his work in establishing the new Camp.

Past Commander-in-Chief Taylor was designated as instituting and installing officer. The second meeting was held at the same place on Friday, February 18th, 1916.

At this meeting the name of Major James L. Srodes (deceased) was selected for the new Camp; Major Srodes was a distinguished Citizen, Physician, and Surgeon of Wilkinsburg, Pa. and

prior to his entry into the service with the Fourteenth Regiment Penna. Volunteers he had served as Surgeon in Battery "B" light Artillery but resigned to enter the Fourteenth Regiment as assistant Surgeon April 27th, 1898, and was appointed Surgeon October 22nd, 1898, resigned January 17th, 1899.

The final meeting to institute the Camp came on March 9th, 1916, after a short parade and thus the organization started off with the following officers:

Commander.....Frank A. French  
Senior Vice.....Franklin J. Connelly  
Junior Vice.....Albert H. Manheimer  
Officer of the Day Owen H. Garrison  
Officer of the Guard Frank E. Payne  
Trustee ..... John H. Ralston  
Trustee.....Thos. F. Brewer  
Trustee ..... Patrick J. Woods  
Adjutant .....John R. Dierst  
Quartermaster.....Wm. C. Burgess  
Chaplain.....Andrew G. McKalip

The Organization has taken part in every demonstration of patriotic nature that has been held in the Borough and many others; the work in connection with other soldier bodies on Memorial Day has been outstanding and all the former duties performed by the Grand Army of the Republic have been by their request assumed by this Camp.

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## Wilkinsburg Sportsmen's Club

**T**HE Wilkinsburg Sportsmen's Club was organized in February, 1924 with a membership of 19. It has the honor of being the second oldest sportsmen's club in Western Pennsylvania. Dr. E. R. Raymaley was its first president and served for nine years and as the president of the Allegheny County Sportsmen's League for 8 years. M. J. Laughlin was the first secretary and E. R. Kregar the first treasurer. Mr. Kregar has been treasurer since the club was organized.

From a small beginning, the membership has now grown to approximately 450 members. Among the charter members who are serving on the present Board of Directors are Messrs. Dr. E. R. Raymaley, D. L. Frampton, S. Magill, R. A. Smith, J. Ailes, R. Stewart and E. R. Kregar.

In addition to the charter members already mentioned, the following charter members, many of whom are still members, are to be credited with the foresight for the need of such an organization in this community: Harry Daugherty, Geo. Shields, W. G. Atkinson, Joe Hunter, M. J. Laughlin, Wm. Lafferty, Geo. Anderson, Diney Anderson, Denny Nycum, Wm. Hay, B. L. Ailes, and Jonson Cleland.

The club was organized in the belief that the privilege to hunt and fish depends upon the proper conduct of sportsmen, the proper legislation and the conservation of our great natural game resources.

The Wilkinsburg Sportsmen's Club is a non-profit institution and all officers and delegates serve without pay and they have given freely of their time, money and energy to further the cause of good sportsmanship in this community.

Among the many activities of the club, one especially stands out, that is, the eternal fight that sportsmen's clubs have waged for stream purification, both for better fishing and a purer drinking water supply. The Wilkinsburg Club, through their member State Representative A. K. Robinson, has obtained for the entire state the privilege of Sunday dog training and Sunday fishing for the sportsmen and sportswomen who have heretofore been unable to enjoy these privileges due to their employment during the week days.

The club meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month in the Wilkinsburg Council Chamber. After the business meeting, at least once a month, either motion pictures are shown

or a guest speaker entertains the members.

The advertising medium of a window display in one of the most prominent windows in the business district, several special open house meetings, with movies and speaking, are used to help attract new members and help advertise the club. An annual family basket picnic is held in August, and a game banquet is held at the end of the hunting season.

Every resident of this community is invited to join the club, enjoy the meetings and the fellowship of other sportsmen.

### Board of Directors—1936-1937

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Secretary .....J. Harold Ake  
County Delegate.....S. R. McClure  
Alternate Candidate.....D. R. Campbell  
Chairman,

Membership Com.....H. W. Spielman  
Wm. L. Bauman  
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## Wilkinsburg Woman's Club



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Second Row—Mrs. John C. Hartman, Mrs. H. H. Finlay, Miss Elizabeth P. Gilmore, Mrs. Herbert Patterson, Mrs. A. J. Dawson, Mrs. A. T. Brown, Mrs. P. B. White, Mrs. A. C. Young.



**T**HROUGH the efforts of Mrs. Franklin M. Gordon, the Woman's Club of Wilkinsburg was organized November 17th, 1898. The fifty or sixty enrolled the first year constituted the charter members. The membership first limited to one hundred has been increased until at present the limit is three hundred active and two hundred associate members.

The object of the club, as set forth in the constitution, "shall be mutual help among the members in the study of literature, science, art, the questions of the day, and united effort to further reform and improvement in this community." In the early days the members provided the programs and many excellent papers were prepared and read. In later years the tendency in club life to bring in outside talent has been followed. Some notable speakers have been heard. Many of Pittsburgh's best known musicians have been on our programs.

Gradually as our membership grew we developed into a departmental club. A Junior Section, of which we are proud, was organized and also an Evening Section.

Wilkinsburg having a Civic Club, not as much has been done in that line as otherwise would have been, though the club has always been alive to its civic duty. Much philanthropic work has been done.

All the space allowed could be used just to name the women who have labored for the club—a few stand out: The Founder, Mrs. Franklin M. Gordon, Mrs. W. C. Anderson, Mrs. James Balph, Mrs. Charles Bailey, Mrs. J. G. Chalfant, Miss Elizabeth Davison, Mrs. Charles W. Smith, Mrs. J. Q. A. Wageley and Mrs. R. C. Wylie.

During the past year the charter members received many evidences of appreciation and at the last meeting eight (not before so honored): Mrs. C. D. Armstrong, Mrs. A. W. Duff, Mrs. A. S. Hunter, Mrs. Howard Jackson, Mrs. W. J. Martin, Mrs. S. H. McKee, Miss Helen R. Pershing and Mrs. W. G. Stewart were in recognition of service rendered, made honorary members.

To Wilkinsburg, celebrating its Golden Anniversary, we gladly pledge to do our part "to improve community life." Our sister city proudly says, Pittsburgh Promotes Progress. As we work and study in our club, we do it knowing that Wilkinsburg Wants Wise Women.

Serving the club in its official capacity for 1937-1938 are:

President.....Mrs. A. L. Schieber  
1st V.-Pres.....Mrs. F. H. Carson  
2nd V.-Pres.....Mrs. A. W. Rodgers  
Rec. Secretary.....Mrs. W. S. Risser  
Cor. Secretary.....Mrs. C. E. Nesbitt  
Asst. Secretary....Mrs. W. G. Reineman  
Treasurer.....Mrs. W. G. Marshall



# Woman's Christian Temperance Union



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First Row—(Left to Right) Mrs. E. J. Gibson, Radio Chairman; Mrs. George Carr, Treasurer; Mrs. George Shields, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Lettie Ege, Recording Secretary; Mrs. J. A. Braun, President; Mrs. H. P. Meeds, Past President; Mrs. R. B. Robinson, Vice President; Mrs. Paul Copley, 1st Vice President; Mrs. V. V. Snyder, Vice President.

Second Row—Mrs. Mary Saul, Mrs. Wm. Beech, Mrs. Annie Hovis, Miss Katherine Ferree, Mrs. George Blair, Mrs. W. B. Whitehead, Mrs. F. S. Grover, Mrs. W. H. Allen.

Third Row—Miss Callie Minnick, Mrs. R. O. Baird, Mrs. Henrietta Hershey, Mrs. E. Tonkin, Mrs. Claire Brehm, Mrs. Alice Yost.

AS the name indicates, the purpose of our organization is to promote total abstinence from alcoholic liquors in the individual and to work for ultimate prohibition of the manufacture and sale of the same. But as our aims are broad, and methods varied, we do specific work along various lines all of which tend to improve the moral tone of our community. Through the departments of Christian Citizenship, Legislation, Sabbath Observance, International Relations and Relief we create a keener interest in our citizenship; educationally our work centers in Child Welfare, Alcohol Education, Narcotics Evangelism, Temperance and Missions, and Literature.

The first organization occurred in 1874, and the reorganization in January, 1887. Mrs. Clarissa Moffitt, promoter and Miss Martha Graham, president laid the foundation, and the growth was steady until we now have a membership of almost 300.

Hundreds of our youth have come under the influence of temperance teaching in the Loyal Temperance Legion Branch during these years.

We had a beautiful float in the Silver Anniversary parade filled with a group of these children, which received much applause.

During the World War outstanding work was done in Red Cross, in our own unit.

Two fully equipped Field Kitchens were sent to France: "Wilkesburg Woman's Christian Temperance Union" painted on them. Our community thus ministered to "our boys Over There". We assisted in the purchase of an ambulance and paid \$300.00 to the war work here.

Our members took an active part in the Better Community Campaign which closed the saloons and the Sunday Motion Picture houses. We have always done this in every movement for the betterment of our borough, since our organization.

## Officers—1937-1938

Mrs. J. A. Braun.....	President
Mrs. Paul Copley.....	Vice-President
Mrs. I. F. Strickler.....	Vice-President
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# Ladies' Auxiliary United Spanish War Veterans



First Row—(Left to Right) Grace Rankin, Ellen Hawk, Elizabeth Probst, Elizabeth Galbraith, President; Susan Ross, Harriet Green, Clara Probst, Edna Mae Perlinger. Second Row—Mabel Snyder, Lillian Garrison, Sarah Shields, Elizabeth Scott, Nester Shaffer, Grace Kunkle, Della Uphoff, Leila Morrow. Third Row—Mary Love, Anna Mitchell, Laura Milliron, Noreen Blake, Lila Klingensmith, Virginia Wetzel, Sadie Mapes, Elizabeth Sadler, Elizabeth Daniels.

**M**AJOR James L. Srodes Auxiliary No. 45, Department of Pennsylvania, was organized and Instituted in the old Lohrs Hall, Wood Street, Wilksburg, on the 9th of March, 1922. This being the 6th Anniversary of Major James L. Srodes Camp No. 74, and to which we are their auxiliary. The Auxiliary was organized from what had been Srodes Card Club, under the direction of Ellen French, Past Department President and Instituted by Maude Heineman, then Department President.

The following officers were elected and installed:

President ..... Clara Probst  
Sr. Vice President..... Sara S. Shields  
Jr. Vice President..... Elizabeth Scott  
Chaplain ..... Harriett Green  
Conductress ..... Lillian Garrison  
Secretary ..... Lillian Watt  
Treasurer ..... Margaret Shields

The charter was closed with 17 members.

At that time Ellen French presented us with a Bible, Srodes Camp, with a gavel, and Major Daniel C. Boggs Circle No. 196, Ladies of Grand Army with our flag.

The objects of our organization are to perfect national, State and local organizations, to aid all soldiers, sailors

and marines eligible to membership in the organization, and to promote patriotism, humanity, and a proper reverence for the Flag. The auxiliary was very fortunate to have all its past auxiliary presidents, fifteen in number, present at our last anniversary on March 9th, 1936. But one, Nova Werner, has gone to her great reward since.

We meet the 4th Fridays at 8:00 P. M. in the V. F. W. Hall, Ross Avenue, Wilksburg, each month.

The Auxiliary can boast of two Past Department Presidents, Harriett Green and Nellie B. Wilson, also three present Department officers.

Chief of Staff..... Nellie B. Wilson  
Asst. Dept. Cond..... Ellen R. Hawk  
Dept. Treasurer..... Clara Probst

The present officers of the Auxiliary are now:

President ..... Elizabeth Galbraith  
Sr. Vice President..... Mary Weidner  
Jr. Vice President..... Susan Ross  
Chaplain ..... Ellen R. Hawk  
Secretary ..... Elizabeth Probst  
Treasurer ..... Gertrude Thompson  
Conductress ..... Beulah Longwell  
Asst. Conductress..... Ethel Hill  
Guard ..... Evelyn Shaffer  
Asst. Guard..... Betty Galbraith  
Historian ..... Kathryn Webster  
Pat. Inst..... Virginia Weidner

In all the Auxiliary has 79 members.





First Row—(Left to Right) G. Paul Moore, Dale L. Wareham, W. Earl Brinker, Lester W. Miles, Sherman B. Weston; Vice President, Roy W. Slocum; Secretary, John C. Heck, George C. Blair; President, Floyd Carson; District Governor, John Pfeil, Walter S. Radcliffe, George F. Felger, James S. Weldon, Dr. John McCrory, Vernon R. Covell, Dr. Thomas W. McFadden, Dr. Ross W. Stevens.

Second Row—John T. Mosch, Visitor, Dr. Guy D. Engle, Gottlieb Textor, Visitor, Edward F. Baxmeier, A. D. Harrison, E. Z. Pepper, Dr. Edward R. Raymaley, Visitor, Lynedon P. Noble, Visitor, Dr. Jos. N. Hellman, George Ludebuehl, Henry G. Summ, Robert B. Hutchison, Sam Einstein.

Third Row—Visitor, Dr. Wm. A. Heazlett, Visitor, C. S. Marvel, J. P. Orr, Visitor, Lynn M. Wilson, Visitor, S. Gordon Thompson, Visitor, Robert A. Anderson, Geo. F. Siefers.

Fourth Row—Stamos Bukes, Harry Smith, Edgar Wareham, Visitor, Visitor, George R. Craig, Harold Grim, Visitor, Harry A. Walmer, Warren W. Walters, Clarence E. Wolford, Visitor, Thomas W. Martin.

Members not present at time the picture was taken: Thomas M. Allen, Wm. K. Clutton, Wm. C. Hawley, Wm. G. Ketler, John McDowell, Jas. M. McCormick, Rev. Wm. Porkess, E. D. Rudolph, Howard Smith, Chas. W. Tyson, J. Ren Wylie, Jack S. Bowman, Dr. Wm. M. Findley, Rev. Jas. F. Hoffman, Edward R. Kregar, Harold B. Maynard, J. C. McQuiston, Geo. Rankin, Jr., Dr. Clyde W. Sample, Albert Q. Starr, Louis S. Will, John Wilt, Jos. A. Brunton, J. Paxton Hart, Frank L. P. Kelly, A. C. Manning, Harry H. Mitchell, Robert J. Patterson, Al K. Robinson, Valentine Scheuermann, John I. Struble, Clyde L. Wolford.



## Rotary Club

**R**OTARY International was established in Chicago, in 1905 by Paul P. Harris and three associates who met each day to discuss affairs of the world. Mr. Harris conceived the idea of a club to hold similar weekly meetings in which a representative from each business, profession and endeavor would be present.

The idea was acted upon and from that small beginning Rotary International has established itself in every nation in the world with more than 150,000 mem-

bers, including many of the nation's rulers.

The Wilkinsburg Club was organized in 1922 and meets each Tuesday noon in the Penn-Lincoln Hotel.

Among its many activities is the support it gives to the Pennsylvania Crippled Children's League, the Boys' Club of Wilkinsburg and other humane organizations.

The present board of officials include Floyd R. Carson, president; Roy L. Slocum, vice-president; John C. Heck, secretary; Ernst D. Rudolph, treasurer; Dr. Sherman Weston, director and A. C. Manning, director.

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## Military Order of the Cootie

SAHARA PUP TENT NO. 17



First Row—(Left to Right) W. L. Anderson, A. Henry, Clifford Hathaway, Fred K. Mayer, G. A. Murphy, N. M. McDowell.  
Second Row—R. M. Thompson, R. B. Bygate, E. J. Scheller, H. Van Ryn, Dan Smith, H. Rothrauff, Wm. Fraser.  
Third Row—R. G. Jones, R. N. Critchlow, W. F. Echelmeyer, J. C. Beers, J. B. Smith  
Fourth Row—W. C. McMillen, W. L. Hitt, Frank Herman, C. Weyman, E. H. Johnson.



THIS organization is generally known as the fun makers of the VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS. But mark you its members are far from being the clowns as appears on the surface, for the Cooties is the honor degree of THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS. In short the rough side of the Cootie is the outside.

Sahara Pup Tent No. 17 Wilksburg was organized on August 23, 1936. At which time three other Pup Tents were also born marking perhaps the most spectacular and dazzling affair in the history of the organization thus far. Surely it was a great triumph for Wm. J. Crehan who was at that time Supreme Commander of The Military Order of the Cootie.

The original plan was to have the installation of these new Pup Tents take place in Wilksburg, but there were those with foresight enough to realize that this borough did not afford a hall large enough to accommodate so huge an assemblage.

Hence, The Jungle Club of Rankin,

Pa. was rented for the occasion which was attended by not less than five hundred Cooties in full regalia, and representing three states. The sessions lasted for eight hours.

From this point Sahara Pup Tent has moved steadily forward. And within less than a month from the time of our organizing we were represented at the Supreme Scratch, or National Convention at Denver, Colorado. And that we have taken part in every Cootie function since may be learned from the fact that within ten months of our existence Fred K. (Squire) Mayer, our first Seam Squirrel or Commander, was elected to the office of State Trustee.

Some time within the next few weeks Cootie Field, a ten thousand dollar athletic field and playground donated by the Cooties to THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS' National home for orphans at Eaton Rapids, Mich., is to be dedicated. And again Sahara Pup Tent No. 17 of Wilksburg, will be well represented.





Front Row—(Left to Right) E. H. Ritts, K. M. Hewitt, R. T. Hodgson, C. W. Spear, J. R. McCune, \*J. L. Cook, F. J. Good, \*H. C. Griffin, R. M. Sankey, E. R. Kregar, Jr.; \*J. E. Browning, \*W. A. Kearns, C. C. Schlundt.  
 Second Row—R. E. Miles, C. E. Toner, K. W. Bohren, \*A. C. Good, D. E. Eaton, J. L. Packer, S. J. Edge, J. L. Hewitt, \*G. W. Knight, E. R. Corman, R. Faller, \*G. C. Keslar, B. H. Kenyon, \*W. J. Dunkle, S. R. Kreiling, A. Textor, J. P. Pfaff.  
 Third Row—C. Sperling, A. Travis, J. R. Taffner, \*R. E. Whitfield, H. V. Kettering, \*J. B. Caldwell, M. L. McLain, J. C. Jenkins, C. D. Jeffreys, \*R. A. Gerwig, J. Beech, Donald Hill, G. Eagye.

The following were not present when the picture was taken: C. C. Ailes, R. O. Barkley, H. M. Brown, P. E. Davidson, \*J. W. E. Ellenberger, \*F. E. Finley, R. A. Getter, \*M. W. J. Hileman, D. Hill, D. W. Houk, \*C. W. Kearns, \*R. Kiser, K. R. Maerker, C. W. Merrill, J. A. Meyers, \*W. M. Myler, H. H. McConnell, C. G. McKee, E. L. Neff, G. J. Schaffer, E. N. Scott, R. Seybold, D. Shupe, J. Slaughenhoupt, H. C. Smith, A. E. Steinfurth, B. Stone, J. C. Stewart, F. Wassam, H. Whitmore.

\*CHARTER MEMBERS



## Kiwanis Club

**K**IWANIS is a coined name derived from the INDIAN word "KEE-WANIS", meaning "SELF-EXPRESSION".

The first KIWANIS CLUB was organized in Detroit on January 21, 1915. The total number of Clubs in the United States and Canada at the present time are 1,930, with a total membership of 95,500.

The WILKINSBURG KIWANIS was granted their charter on December 7, 1927 with a charter membership of fifty. Frank E. Finley was the first President of the Wilkinsburg Club. The membership at present is seventy-two members.

UNDER-PRIVILEGED CHILD work is the main object of KIWANIS. The WILKINSBURG CLUB has done a great amount of work among the children of the Wilkinsburg District. Most of the work with Under-Privileged Children has been for Glasses, Tonsillectomy Operations, Braces of various kinds and several Eye Operations. In January 1932 the Wilkinsburg Club sponsored the Appearance of Admiral Byrd for his lecture and pictures of his Expedition to the South Pole and raised over \$700.00. This money has all been expended for Under-Privileged Child work in the District. In March of 1935 the Club sponsored the appearance of the SPRINGFIELD GYMNASTIC TEAM and raised \$200.00 in this venture. This money has also been expended for Under-Privileged Child work.

The Wilkinsburg Kiwanis has been very active in Boy Scout work. In 1935 they paid for and the members constructed a Boy Scout hut at Camp Twin Echo.

This hut was later dedicated to Dr. William E. Kiner, one of the Club's Deceased Charter Members.

Frank E. Finley, the first President of the Wilkinsburg Kiwanis Club has served two years as Lieutenant Governor of number 2 District, two years as District Governor of Pennsylvania and is now serving a two year term as International Trustee, having been elected at the recent Convention.

The following men have served as Presidents of the Wilkinsburg Kiwanis Club: Frank E. Finley, Roy E. Whitfield, Luther A. Krouse, Clarence Smith, William J. Dunkle, Karl R. Maerker, Donald E. Eaton, Clarence C. Ailes, J. Clark Stewart, J. Leonard Cook and Frank J. Good.

The Club has had three secretaries in their ten year existence as follows: Fred Textor, Donald E. Eaton and Dr. John R. McCune.

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DR. JOHN R. McCUNE.....	Secretary

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 Fourth Row—C. A. Faller, F. J. Gey, C. P. Smith, J. A. Gibson, D. O. Mallorie, S. A. Bulger.  
 Members of Lions Club absent when picture was taken—Chas. Bagwell, R. E. Beaton, Dr. W. G. Bothwell, Dr. C. H. Cochran, Ed. F. Ege, W. C. Graham, Dr. A. S. Haines, L. G. Hays, H. W. Hepler, Rev. O. L. Ice, C. P. Keeler, Dr. P. T. Kidd, F. N. Marcle, H. R. Schweinberg, Rev. J. W. Laurie, K. F. Query, Dr. W. E. Sheckler, T. W. Stephens, F. D. Peters, Dr. W. L. Thunhurst, R. A. Wetterskog, J. H. Wylie, R. W. Allison, L. R. Hagan, E. E. Johnston, J. P. Phifer, S. G. Wertz, Jr.



## The Lions Club

**T**HE Lions Club of Wilkinsburg was chartered on May 23, 1924 with an active membership of forty-one. Five of this number are deceased. The present active enrollment is sixty-three, of which ten are charter members. The objects of the club are as follows:

To create and foster a spirit of generous consideration among the people of the world through a study of the problems of international relationships from the standpoint of business and professional ethics.

To promote the theory and practice of the principles of good government and good citizenship.

To take an active interest in the civic, commercial, social and moral welfare of the community.

To unite the members in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.

To provide a forum for the full and free discussion of all matters of public interest, partisan politics and sectarian religion alone excepted.

The major activity of the Lions Club is to aid needy children in the correction of faulty vision. An examination by an eye specialist is provided and glasses are purchased if needed. Through the cooperation of the

school authorities the needy children are brought to the attention of the Club. Over three hundred glasses have been provided since 1932 or an average of about seventy-five each year.

Previous to 1932 the Lions Club helped several charitable organizations to secure necessary finances. The Club completely furnished the Staff Room of the Columbia Hospital at a cost of \$600.00. When the Boy Scout Camp at Twin Echo was built, \$1,500.00 was contributed toward the cost of the Mess Hall. The Blind Association has been given \$300.00 and over \$1,700.00 donated to causes of general welfare.

The present officers of the Club are as follows: President, David K. Bair; Vice Presidents, Dr. Wm. G. Bothwell, Dr. Walter H. Singley and Rev. O. L. Ice; Secretary, T. C. Moore; Treasurer, David Geschwindt; Tail Twister, Fred H. Williams; Lion Tamer, Dr. H. C. Scott.

These officers constitute the Board of Directors with the addition of Dr. G. H. Kirkpatrick, C. L. Struble, L. E. Husemen and R. A. Wetterskog.

The Club meets each Wednesday noon at 12:15 in the Penn-Edison Hotel.



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## American Legion Auxiliary



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Second Row—Mrs. E. Norman Sipp, 1st Vice President; Mrs. B. Frank Harrison, Sergeant-at-Arms; Miss Edith L. Wooldridge, Chaplain; Mrs. Robert Longwell, 2nd Vice President.

**T**HE American Legion Auxiliary was organized in the spring of 1920.

The work of the Auxiliary is associated with disabled veterans, either in hospitals or homes, needy families of veterans, and war orphans. Some of the purposes of the Auxiliary are to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, to maintain law and order, to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism, to preserve the memories and incidents of associations during the World War.

An interesting feature sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary is the Medal Award in the Public Schools to

girls of outstanding character and ability. A medal is presented once a year in each eighth grade, and is given to the girl receiving the highest number of votes from her fellow students and teachers.

To be a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, one must be either a mother, wife, widow, sister or daughter of an American Legion member.

The local unit is an auxiliary to the Captain John M. Clarke Post No. 305.

Mrs. Howell F. Richards, a Gold Star mother, and now deceased, was the first president. Miss Anna Whitten is the present incumbent, and Mrs. Anton Nelson is president-elect.

Meetings are held on the third Thursday evening of each month.

## Wilkinsburg Baby Conference

**T**HE Wilkinsburg Baby Conference was organized March 9, 1932. The first year it was financed by donations from the various Woman's Clubs and organizations, also interested individuals. The conference is held Wednesday of each week, by courtesy of the Peoples Natural Gas Company in their building at the corner of Center and Franklin Streets.

Since the first year the conference has been under the Public Health Nursing Association, an agency of the Community Fund. The aim of the Conference is to keep the pre-school children well. All children are given complete physical examinations by the attending Baby Specialist, Psychiatrist, Nutritionist and Nurses. They instruct the mothers in the proper care, preparation of food and feeding the child.

With the funds contributed each year by the Club Women the committee purchases Cod Liver Oil, Layettes and Milk for distribution where it is necessary and in 1934 all the conference children were immunized for diphtheria.

Each year the conference holds a Nutritional Exhibit and a Christmas party for the mothers and children. It would be impossible to carry on this important work successfully without the splendid corps of Club Women who give of their time so generously each week.

Committee of Club Women in charge of the conference:

Mrs. F. H. Braddock  
Mrs. Harry C. Nagel  
Mrs. Harry Walker  
Mrs. J. Huston McCulloch, Secretary  
Mrs. Floyd J. Horrell, Chairman



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**A**FFILIATED with the American Federation of Labor that was organized in Baltimore in March 1887. Also affiliated with the building trades of Pittsburgh, and the Painters District Council No. 1 of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County.

Charter granted February 10, 1900. Meets every Tuesday at 7:45 P. M. at 711 Penn Avenue, third floor. The object of this association is to perpetuate our Brotherhood, spread its principles, elevate our trade and advance our interests individually and collectively. To keep our craft from being reduced from its rightful position among the mechanical callings. Another object is to inform the public that the Union Painters of Wilkinsburg have served many years to properly equip themselves with the necessary experience and practical knowledge, are the better workmen and are entitled to their trade and support.

Our union is broad enough to embrace every competent worker at the various branches of our trade—one that will protect every man in his labor and his wages. We strive to receive a fair

remuneration for our labor, sufficient to enable our families to live in modest comfort, to give our children a liberal education and to permit us to make provision for sickness and old age.

Other objects of our organization are: The aiding of our members to become more skilful and efficient workers. The promotion of their general intelligence. The elevation of their character. The regulation of hours, wages and conditions of labor. The cultivation of friendship among the members of the Association and the rendering of assistance in securing employment. The raising of funds for the benefit of sick, disabled or unemployed members and the aiding of families of deceased members.

We believe it is the imperative duty of every man who works for a living at our craft to secure all these things through organization and unity of action by belonging to Local No. 462 of Wilkinsburg, Pa. President, Edward Stacy; Vice President, C. O. Shindel; Secretary, Charles Hogg; Treasurer, B. F. Hellings; Trustees, P. Collins, John Heitchue, Leroy Hawk.

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Second Row—J. C. Potts, F. O. Neiman, C. H. Smith, C. A. Gibson, H. C. Patchin, J. J. Davison, G. G. Gibson, Joe Slick, R. A. Scheffmacher.  
Third Row—D. S. Heips, J. R. Love, A. C. Love, Edwin Eichelberger, Chas. E. Sanford, R. R. Carasso, H. H. Gibson, M. H. Piper, W. H. Collins, D. L. Frampton, Ross McKeever.  
Fourth Row—E. J. Strayer, J. A. Lynn, E. E. Reynolds, R. A. Gill, E. A. Armstrong, L. S. Gates, R. E. Beals, Rev. W. R. Hays.  
Fifth Row—H. E. Fleming, D. F. Nycum, C. G. Alexander, Carl Vencel, D. B. T. Burns.

**P**URITAN Commandery, No. 280, Knights of Malta was organized March 14, 1900, the late John G. Miles being the organizer.

The order of Knights of Malta is a body of men banded together under most binding forms, to comfort one another in the practice of the Christian religion; to offer mutual assistance in time of need; to promote Christian unity; to defend the Christian faith against all foes whatsoever; to ever defend civil and religious liberty; to exercise the fullest toleration and charity toward all men; to practice benevolence and to maintain a universal Christian fraternity.

It is neither a national, political nor sectarian association.

It is the most ancient order in existence, with one exception and is the legitimate descendant of the illustrious, religious and military order of the Middle Ages; heir to its greatness and fully endowed with all its ancient rites and ceremonies.

It is Fraternal, and its obligations

bind to secrecy and mutual protection.

It is a Religious Order and welcomes all Protestants, by whatever name known who love our Lord Jesus Christ to enlist under its banner.

It is beneficial, paying both sick and funeral benefits.

Puritan Commandery meets every Thursday evening at eight o'clock in Malta Temple, Coal and South Aves.  
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Sir Knight Gen. Iss.....R. E. Beals  
Sir Knight Capt. Gen. Chas. E. Sanford  
Sir Knight Prelate.....Joe Slick  
Recorder.....H. L. Jordan  
Asst. Recorder.....E. E. Reynolds  
Treasurer.....F. W. Kunkle  
Sr. Warden.....E. J. Strayer  
Jr. Warden.....R. A. Scheffmacher  
Std. Bearer.....Dave Burns  
Swd. Bearer.....Carl Vencel  
First Guard .....Dan Heep  
Second Guard.....J. A. Lynn  
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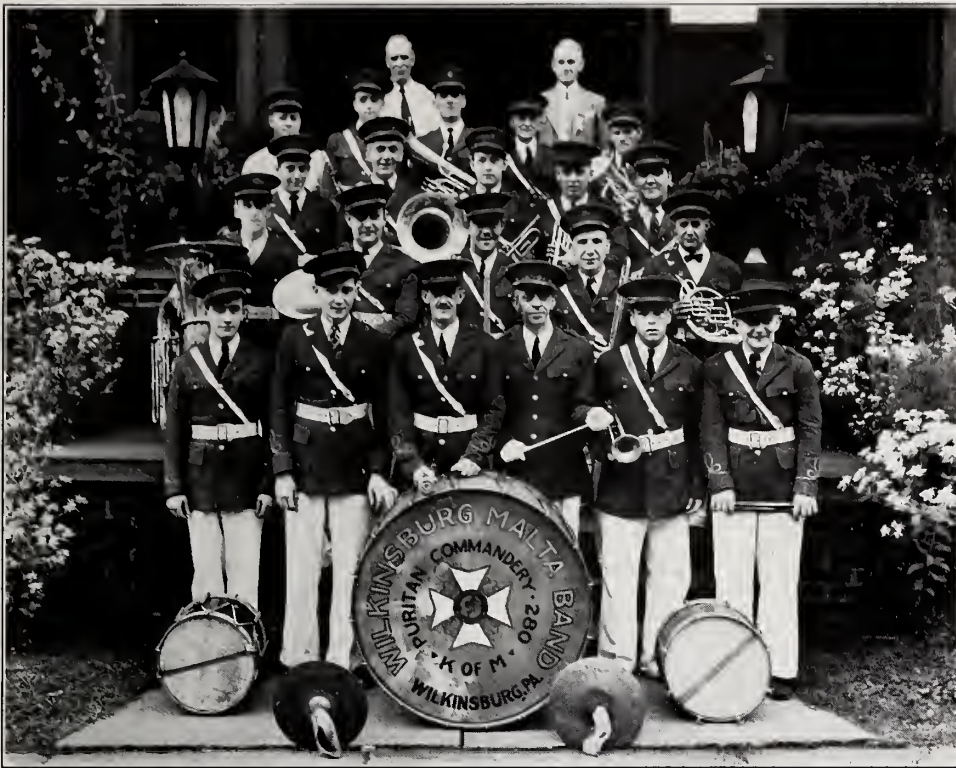
## Knights of Malta Band

**T**HE Malta Band of Wilkinsburg, Pa., as it is now, was organized by a band committee from the Puritan Commandery 280, Knights of Malta, in the fall of 1914 and winter of 1915. This committee consisted of Captain

Chas. B. Reed, M. W. (Jack) Palmer, C. C. Van Kirk, Oscar Nieman, D. S. Nycum, John Miller, R. S. Myers, and William Topper.

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 Third Row—Robert Roth, Thomas Milligan, Frank Slater, G. E. Davis, Samuel Fuca.  
 Fourth Row—Charles Acklin, M. W. Miller, D. S. Nycum, James Smouse, D. C. Vensel.  
 Fifth Row—Thomas France, Capt. W. W. Barr.  
 Members not present—J. R. Davis, C. E. Rogers, J. L. Fowler, Eldred Fowler, Roy Ludwig, S. R. Caskey, Vernon Hickey, Carl Wildow, Jack Thomas, Walter Balbach, Vernon Acklin, Mr. McCutchison, Mr. Mason.

hearsal was called for March 15, 1915. Mr. Chas. Kamp was elected the first Director, but owing to press of business and other matters, he resigned and Mr. Louis D. Birt was elected to the directorship. In the spring of 1915, Mr. John G. Miles was elected Drum Major and business manager, ably assisted by Mr. John Bennett and C. C. Van Kirk.

The Malta Band has always given freely of their services for all good causes. During the World War, they played for such occasions as escort duty, Liberty Loan drives, War Savings Stamp drives. They have also rendered escort duty for the local Memorial Day Services of the Community freely during a period of twenty-two years.

## League of Women Voters

**T**HIS organization is a member of the Allegheny County League of Women Voters which is in turn linked with the State League and the National League. Membership at the present time numbers 105. The purpose of the League of Women Voters is to promote the education of women voters, to acquaint them with the issues of the day, and to advise them of the qualifications of the candidates; all with the sole intention of improving our gov-

In 1930, the Band discontinued its activities for a period of two years; and then, in 1932, rehearsals were once more resumed under the directorship of Mr. Thomas France, a former resident who had just returned recently from the West. He was assisted by Captain W. W. Barr and D. S. Nycum. In 1936, Mr. France resigned and Mr. Chas. Radi was elected to succeed him.

The present officers of the Band are: Chas. Radi, Director; D. C. Vensel, Treasurer; N. M. Dorefield, Secretary; D. S. Nycum, President and Manager. Rehearsals are held regularly every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the Roher Building, South Avenue and Wood Street.

ernment by the election of able representatives and the enactment of better laws.

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## Wilkinsburg Business and Professional Women's Club



Seated—(Left to Right) Miss Lizzie E. Fisher, Vice President; Mrs. Beula Russell, Director. Standing—Miss Lillian Rogers, Director; Miss Agnes McCune, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Grace Truby, President; Miss Sara Braden, Recording Secretary.

THE Wilkinsburg Business and Professional Women's Club, a member of the Pennsylvania, the National, and the International Federations of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, was organized July 7, 1925, by Miss E. Louise Jolly, now of Alameda, California, who at the time was an instructor in the Morton Business School. Mrs. Ella Miller, who now heads the School, was one of the Club's charter members.

The Club's first slogan was "Better Business Women for a Better Business World," and it strives to set up a class of programs to better fit women for their place in life and to keep the way open for them to engage in gainful occupations and professions.

This year the theme of the National Federation is "Our Town's Business," a particularly appropriate study for the Wilkinsburg Club, who will start off its year's program in September with a "Get Acquainted (With Our Town)" meeting. The September social meeting will feature a costume party built

around the idea of Wilkinsburg today and fifty years ago.

The Wilkinsburg Business & Professional Women's Club is a Service club, interested in civic affairs, good government, and equal rights for men and women in business. It is a member of and has representation in the Wilkinsburg Inter-Club Council, enabling it to work and cooperate with other clubs in the community for civic welfare.

Meetings are held twice monthly—a dinner program meeting the second Tuesday of the month and a social meeting the fourth Tuesday.

Past Presidents have been Miss Mildred Cowan, Mrs. Janet Snyder, Dr. Mary E. Coffin, and Mrs. Beula Russell. The present leader of this group of fifty-odd women, many of whom are actively engaged in business in the community, is Miss Grace Truby. Her officers are: Lizzie E. Fisher, Vice President; Agnes McCune, Corresponding Secretary; Sara Braden, Recording Secretary; Irene Cook, Treasurer; and Mrs. Beula Russell, Lillian Rogers, Hilda Thomas, and Mrs. Florence Herr, Directors.



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## Wilkinsburg Automobile Club

ORGANIZED October 25, 1906 by Dr. W. R. Stephens, S. L. Smith, Dr. W. C. Cook, S. J. Leezer, F. A. Hugo, W. F. Youngk, Edward Jenkins, Sr., R. S. Faris, Edgar Patenall, H. C. Beagle, Alfred Cahen, A. B. Rynders, Dr. Wm. Flint, Si Ament, Paul Holland, Dr. McNall and J. F. McCaugh-trey. This small group of 22 men each the proud owner of the then named "Horseless Carriage" met in the office of Dr. Stephens at 814 Wood Street, Wilkinsburg, imbued with the spirit of going places in the most modern vehi-

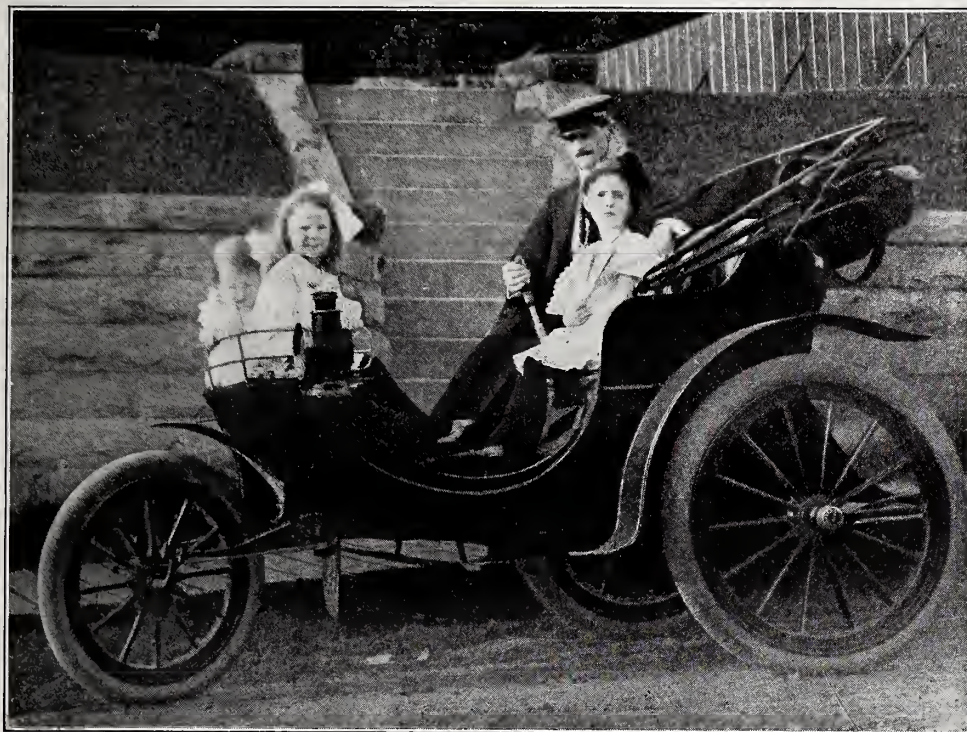
present time an entrance fee of \$2.50 and an annual dues of \$7.50 is charged.

In the early days services offered by the Club were somewhat limited. The Glass Patrol which was an individual hired to keep the Borough streets free of glass and other foreign matters that would destroy the tires then in use on the various cars.

Rules were promulgated as follows:

Speed limits 15 miles per hour. This was enforced.

Drivers were requested to pass cars on dusty roads at a slow rate of speed



This auto is a three-wheeler and not a free-wheeler. Dr. W. C. Cook, a founder of the Auto Club, is at the tiller.

cles. They were not prophets, nevertheless they visualized the day, at some distant future when the "Horseless Carriage" would not only be a factor in our everyday lives, but a necessity. Their keen thinking quickly penetrated their imagination and they readily realized that considerable planning for the future was inevitable. And thus, thirty-one years ago, the Wilkinsburg Automobile Club had its inception, with Dr. Will R. Stephens, President; S. L. Smith, Vice President and Dr. W. C. Cook, (a present Director), Secretary and Treasurer.

Sixteen Automobile Manufacturers were represented in this group of organizers, of which, only the Ford, Oldsmobile, Buick and Cadillac have survived. Hundreds of different makes and thousands of designs of automobiles have come and gone in the meantime.

The initial membership fee of the club was \$1.00 per year, later it was raised to \$2.00, then to \$5.00. At the

so as not to raise too much dust.

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When passing farm houses where poultry and farm stock were likely to be on the road, drivers were asked to go slowly so as not to frighten them.

Social functions included barn dances, social affairs in the home and the annual Club Run. The Club Run is still one of the highlights of the present organization's social activities.

A few years after the organization of the Club an enthusiastic member suggested that a map of the States of Ohio and Pennsylvania and one of Allegheny County be secured and hung on the walls of the Club Room.

The first State Legislative contacts were to encourage the passing of a law making it a criminal offense to steal any part of an automobile. Driving while intoxicated was discouraged. At a later meeting the use of chains was endorsed and approved. Such were the problems that gave the founders and pioneers of the Wilkinsburg Autom-

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May 6, 1916 with a membership of 221 enthusiastic car owners the Wilkinsburg Automobile Club was incorporated and registered in the State of Pennsylvania. Since that time the membership has steadily grown to more than 3,500 members. The headquarters are now in the Penn-Lincoln Hotel.

The Wilkinsburg Automobile Club is affiliated with the Pennsylvania Motor Federation, a State organization with a membership of 140,000, that looks after the interests of motorists in the legislative halls at Harrisburg, Pa., and the American Automobile Association, the National Organization with a membership of over 1,000,000, that protects the interests of the motorists in our National Capitol at Washington, D. C. With these affiliations the Organiza-

widespread and important. It is the leading factor in the organization and extension of the school safety patrol movement. More than 200,000 boys and girls recognized as the patrol are safeguarding the lives of five million of their schoolmates.

It pioneered safety education in the schools through safety instructions and posters. It was the agency which formulated the Safety Responsibility law aimed at control of the reckless and financially irresponsible driver.

It has fought all of the motorists' battles in Congress and in the state legislation. Through the efforts of organized motordom under the oval emblem, the principle was established that all special motor vehicle taxes must be used for legitimate road purposes.

It pioneered in road making and



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tion protects its members throughout the world and not only renders varied and invaluable car service, but personal assistance and civic service of such quality and significance as to command the time and effort of all leading citizens.

The Wilkinsburg Automobile Club is owned entirely by its members. Its dividends are paid to them in services. The elected officers and directors with the exception of the Secretary have always served without pay. It is a non-profitable organization and all monies received are used for the benefits of its members and the Motoring Public.

The foremost service rendered by the Club in these modern times is travel guidance and protection. It gives to its members a knowledge of the safest and best routes to travel to and from any given point. The membership turns to its Club for every type of an emergency as readily as they would look in the newspaper for the weather forecast.

The civic functions of the Club are

proved the value of reliable route numbering so that it is now an integral part of our highway system.

The American Automobile Association has been termed "the motorists' guardian angel". The destiny of the Wilkinsburg Club is guided by a group of civic-minded directors who know that motorists wise organize, and whose goal is the enrollment of every motorist in this great community, believing that in union there is strength.

The officers and directors are:

President.....	Wm. J. Dunkle
Vice President.....	Harry M. Brown
Treasurer.....	Geo. C. Blair
Secretary.....	Geo. W. Miller
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# Wilkinsburg Playground, Recreation and Park Association



Left to Right—Instructors: Marion Payne, Mary Miller, Alice Goffe, Lois Mooney; Assistant Supervisor, Kathryn Markley; Secretary, Mrs. R. M. Merrifield; (seated) First President, Mrs. E. C. Weaver; General Supervisor, Harold B. Grim; Assistant Supervisor, Victor Fusia; Present President, Roy E. Whitfield; Louise Rainey, Geraldine Stewart, Dorothy Sargent, Betty Mae Whitfield, Martha Wooten, Dorothy Mof-fitt, Catherine Erney, Margaret Sigafao.

**T**HE work of the Association is one of the outstanding civic projects of the Borough. Many of its members have been constant in their efforts to have play places for the children ever since its organization May 11th, 1925. Prior to that time, away back in the days of 1916-17-18 many of our public spirited citizens worked energetically toward perfecting the playground system which made the present Association possible.

Funds for purchasing swings, slides, see-saws, erecting sand-boxes and providing supervisors were raised by public solicitation, tag days, etc.

The first fully equipped playground was located at the corner of Hay and Rebecca Streets and it was a great boon to the children of the neighborhood as apartment houses were by this time invading the town.

In cooperation with the Wilkinsburg School Board a second playground was put in operation on the Johnston school grounds.

The need for a Municipal Ball Field was then evident, and the Association asked the Borough Council for the use of nine and one-half acres of ground at the end of Hunter Street which was being used for a dump. This being granted a new impetus was given to the playground movement and renewed efforts were made to raise funds to construct a ball diamond and equip a playground for the children. Tag Days, "One Dollar from each Adult in Wilkinsburg" campaign and many personal donations were made to this project. Mr. Wm. G. Ewing, Street

Commissioner at that time gave personal interest and assistance with cleaning up and hauling. The Association named the playground "Ewing Field" in his honor.

The Borough Council then entered into the spirit of the work and made an appropriation of \$1,500 for Playgrounds and each year since they have continued to set aside funds for maintaining playgrounds. With this fine cooperation the Association was able to construct other play areas. Penn-wood Field, located on Pennwood Ave. at Kelly and Todd St.; Turner Field, beautifully located on the Turner School Grounds, Laketon Road; Trenton Field at Trenton Ave. and the Railroad.

The Association at present operates five fully equipped Fields for three months in the summer with an average attendance of 50 to 150 children daily. They also employ a General Supervisor, two men Assistant Supervisors for boys' work, one lady Assistant Supervisor for girls' work and ten young ladies (2 for each field) to supervise the children in their play, teach games, handcraft work, etc.

Meets last Friday of each month at eight o'clock from February to September in the Council Chambers.

## Officers

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# Italian Sons & Daughters of America



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Second Row—Miss Ellena Spinosa, Miss Frances Fusco, Miss Mary DeFlower, Mrs. Mary Gubitosi, Mrs. Jennie Lauria, Miss Mary Rifugiato.  
Third Row—Mr. Raymond Bruscoo, Miss Josephine Amodeo, Miss Josephine Nuzzo, Miss Cecelia Rifugiato, Mr. Salvatore Vescio.

**T**HE Lamas Lodge, No. 75, or Wilksburg Branch of the Order Italian Sons and Daughters of America was organized March 10th, 1935. The founders were Miss Mary De Flower, Mr. Richard Fusia and Miss Ann Rifugiato. Its sole purpose is to band together the younger element of Italian parentage, both in study and social activities. At the present time we have thirty-five regular or active members and quite a number of social members. OFFICERS: Charles E. Azzaro, President; Mrs. E. Ortale, Vice President; Ann Rifugiato, Recording Secretary; Mary De Flower, Treasurer; Mary Rifugiato, Financial Secretary.

## Independent Order of Odd Fellows

**O**N June 22, 1869 thirty Odd Fellows residing in or near the Village of Wilksburg, met in the public school for the purpose of forming a Lodge of the I. O. O. F.

Extracts from the minutes of this meeting show that the following officers were elected to preside until the formation of a permanent organization: President, Wm. H. Devore; Secretary, Alex M. Kepple; Assistant Secretary, Wm. Fisher; Treasurer, Samuel Creelman. The organization adopted the name of W. H. Devore Lodge No. 676.

A building located on Penn Avenue, between Center Avenue and Coal Street, and owned by Joel Greist, was rented and the Odd Fellows remodeled the second floor for Lodge purposes. This building was known as the Odd Fellows Hall until the Fall of 1890.

When Wilksburg was incorporated as a Borough, October 4, 1887, the following officers presided: Noble Grand, Robert Hamilton; Vice Grand, Daniel Krider; Secretary, Wm. J. Porter; Treasurer, E. D. Gillispie.

The records show that in 1887 the

Odd Fellows asked the landlord to pipe the building for gas—the request must have been refused, because until 1890 they continued to buy carbon oil for the lamps.

In 1890 members of the Order signed a petition to have Penn Avenue paved. Some of the members who signed that petition are still active.

On April 30, 1907 when the Lodge was under the leadership of George G. Steel, the organization's name was changed from W. H. Devore to Wilksburg Lodge No. 676.

The Lodge is proud of the fact that during its existence in Wilksburg it has increased in membership and has been financially successful—never failing to pay benefits to the sick or disabled Brothers.

In order to appreciate the splendid work done by the Odd Fellows the public is invited to visit the Orphans' Home on Davis Avenue, North Side, Pittsburgh, and there see one of the most modern homes in Pennsylvania. Similar homes are maintained at Meadville, Sunbury and Philadelphia.

The Homes for the aged at Grove



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Second Row—Ed. Bowling, Rev. Grover, Ole Ryan, Geo. Finney, Dave Burns, Brother Yanks, Paul Landis, Fred Linderworth, Joe Srabek, Andy Greig.

Third Row—Sam Ressler, Brother Lucas, Harry Allison, Jake Koupe, Dave Bollinger, Wm. Barr, Joe Duncan, Mose Greenway, J. Flemming, Carl Green.

Fourth Row—Robert Keedawell, Clyde Rath, Fred Feller, Al Estus, Percy Steinbaugh, Chas. Gaylor, John Hutton, Ed. Brevenik, Elmer Struble.

## Home for Aged Protestant Women

**T**HE idea of an institution wherein the aged Protestant women of Pittsburgh and Allegheny could find a home and maintenance, when without near relatives or means of support, originated with Miss Jane Holmes, the Founder. Miss Holmes interested a few other women, through whose efforts with Miss Holmes, an association was effected June, 1869, which adopt-

ed a Constitution and By-Laws, and at the same meeting, appointed a building committee. Previous to this action there had been secured from Mr. James Kelly the donation of five acres of land near the village of Wilksburg.

A Special and Independent Charter for this organization was drawn by Judge Stowe and presented at a meeting of the Board February 10, 1871. It



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In January, 1873, Miss Mary Louise Jackson was elected Treasurer, which office she filled faithfully and efficiently for forty-two and a half years, resigning June 2nd, 1915, to become President.

An Assembly room in the new ad-

dition has been constructed as a memorial to the interest and affection Miss Louise Jackson showed in the Home.

An anniversary celebration day has become an institution in the fall of each year.

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## Home for Aged Protestants



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**T**HE Home for Aged Protestants is primarily a home for men. No women are taken except those whose husbands are being admitted.

It occupies about five acres of ground extending from Coal Street to Swissvale Avenue, and adjoins the Home for Aged Protestant Women.

The building is a four story brick structure containing 100 rooms. It is fitted with an automatic heating system, elevator, electric lights, fire escapes, fire extinguishers and fire alarm system.

The Home was incorporated in 1881 and formally opened on May 25, 1882.

The leader in this was Miss Jane Holmes. The ground was originally donated by James Kelly to a charitable

enterprise known as the "Sheltering Arms". It later removed to old Allegheny City and sold the property to Miss Jane Holmes who was a cousin of the organizer. This cousin donated the property to the present corporation.

Since beginning operations the Home has cared for about 550 people. 65 years (or over) is the age admittance.

The Home is non-sectarian.

The admission fee for residents of Allegheny County is \$600.00 per person, and \$700.00 is charged for all others.

The Home depends for its support on these admission fees, contributions, and income derived from a Permanent Endowment Fund it has accumulated through the years.



## Pythian Sisters Temple No. 94



First Row—(Left to Right) Mrs. Anna Coombs, Mrs. Grace Phillips, Mrs. Minnie Shuker. Second Row—Mrs. Mary McClelland, Mrs. Anita Affolter, Mrs. Mary Wells, Mrs. Lucy Speckman, Miss Esabelle Baines.

**W**ILKINSBURG Temple No. 94 Pythian Sisters was instituted in Wilkinsburg on April 21, 1920 by Mrs. Anna May Pittman, who served as Grand Chief of Pennsylvania for that year. She was assisted

by J. Main Snyder who was active in organizing the Temple. It is a social and beneficial order and has a membership of over 100 at the present time.

Meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of each month in Pythian Hall, 759 Penn Avenue.

## Council of Republican Women



Left to Right—Mrs. Ralph Palmer, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Carl Heyne, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Adolph Dressler, President; Mrs. Frank McKibben, Vice President, and Mrs. Irvin Ziegler, Treasurer.

**T**HE Council of Republican Women of Wilkinsburg was organized in 1927 for the purposes of educating women in citizenship, promoting political activity, and keeping in touch with current opinion.

The agenda of the meetings, held the third Wednesday of each month, are varied. Before each primary election, a meeting is set aside for the introduction of Republican Candidates to the club members and their guests. Other meetings are devoted to such things as the presentation of legislative news, explanations of party policies and principles, investigation of governmental operation, and discussions of political issues and state and national problems.

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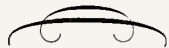
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## Girls' Club of Wilkinsburg



Left to Right—Isabella Marotta, Catherine Renda, Rosemary Saccamango, Mrs. Donald Hewitt, <sup>Swoger</sup>

**F**INDING a suitable project which would have a high civic purpose was the aim of the Junior Civic Club of Wilkinsburg, and in the Fall of 1936 the members of the Junior Civic organization formed the Girls' Club of Wilkinsburg.

Girls between the ages of 11 to 15 were invited to attend the first meeting at the Young Women's Christian Association, and from then until the end of May an average of 20 girls attended the meetings each Tuesday afternoon. The youngsters were instructed in sewing, knitting, dancing, dramatics, practical nursing, party planning, and worthwhile games. This is financed entirely by the Junior Civic Club.

The young girls organized among themselves and now conduct their own business meetings.

A library was formed which now contains about 100 books of suitable reading for the girls.

Since the opening of school in September elaborate plans are being made by the Junior Civic Club to carry on this truly worthwhile Wilkinsburg project. Mrs. Donald Hewitt will lead the girls this year, and at each meeting Mrs. Hewitt will be assisted by Junior Civic members who are interested in helping make life more pleasant for others.

## Council of Churches

Comprises twenty-three Churches.

Officers

Pres.....The Rev. Wm. Porkess, D.D.  
(Elected a second time)

Vice President.....Mr. T. S. Steele

Vice President....The Rev. J. Best, D.D.

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Object of the Council

To foster understanding and co-operation; to promote the spirit of comity among our churches; to advance the charities of the community; to safeguard the welfare of children; to encourage the feeling of mutual

helpfulness among all parts of society; to protect the interests of the Sabbath, good citizenship, social purity, temperance and law and order, and to secure other objects pertaining to local betterment.

Membership in the Council

Composed of those Churches in Wilkinsburg and vicinity, (a) whose denominations are recognized by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, (b) which shall officially agree to abide by the Constitution of the Council. The constituent members of the Council are represented by the



Pastor and one lay member of each Church therein, duly chosen to serve during the pleasure of the Church represented.



Steele

Ground floor—The Revs. E. Roy Corman (Trinity Reformed), J. C. Doudna (James Street Methodist Episcopal), Albert W. Steinfurth, D.D. (Calvary Evangelical Lutheran).

First step—The Revs. Orva Lee Ice (Baptist), G. W. Stough (Advent Lutheran), James Best, D.D. (First United Presbyterian).

Second step—The Revs. H. M. Carnahan (Laketon Heights Methodist Episcopal), Paul E. Miller (Grace Evangelical), William Porkess, D.D. (St. Stephens Episcopal), J. C. McConaughy (Hebron United Presbyterian).

The following Pastors, members of the

Council, were unable to be present for the group photograph: The Revs. W. Stanley Collins (Christian), W. L. Hogg (Mifflin Avenue Methodist Episcopal), G. A. Parkins (Ross Avenue Methodist Episcopal), James F. Hoffman, D.D. (South Avenue Methodist Episcopal), A. C. Busch (Calvary Presbyterian), Walter L. Moser, D.D. (Edgewood Presbyterian), George Taylor, Jr. D.D. (First Presbyterian), J. E. Fawcett (Forest Hills Presbyterian), T. C. McKnight (Reformed Presbyterian), James W. Laurie (Second Presbyterian), Jarvis M. Cotton (Waverly Presbyterian), Harold H. McConnell, D.D. (Second United Presbyterian), Warren H. Hayes, D.D. (United Brethren in Christ).

## Woman's Civic Club



Steele

Left to Right—Mrs. D. F. Burr, Recording Secretary; Mrs. J. W. Briggs; Mrs. H. W. Swisshelm, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Frank Lipp, Charter Member; Mrs. F. C. Smith, Past President, 1908-1911; Mrs. Joseph Fullerton, Treasurer; Mrs. B. F. Harrison, First Vice President; Mrs. R. M. Merrifield, Second Vice President; Mrs. Geo. W. Fisher, President.

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**O**RGANIZED in 1898 as Wilkinsburg Women's Suffrage Club, the name was changed on January 10th, 1905 to Woman's Civic Club of Wilkinsburg. Originally planned for the betterment of local civic conditions by securing political enfranchisement for women, it later after this object was obtained, branched out into the mutual promotion of sociability, mental and artistic stimulus and in civic welfare.

A few of the outstanding achievements of the club were assistance in obtaining the local playground, the founding of the baby conference and the fresh air school. Its major project today is the drive against tuberculosis by handling the local sale of Red Cross Christmas seals during the holiday season.

Federated with the Pennsylvania Women's Suffrage Association in 1899,

State Federation of Pennsylvania Women in 1901 and Congress of Clubs of Western Pennsylvania in 1904. Fostered the Junior Civic Club of Wilkinsburg in 1933. Total membership today 105, with one surviving charter member, Mrs. Frank Lipp.

Time and place of meeting, Penn-Lincoln Hotel, second Thursday of each month, at two o'clock, from September to June.

Officers for 1937-1938

President.....Mrs. George Fisher  
1st V.-Pres.....Mrs. B. F. Harrison  
2nd V.-Pres.....Mrs. R. M. Merrifield  
Rec. Secretary....Mrs. Donald F. Burr  
Cor. Secretary....Mrs. H. W. Swisshelm  
Asst. Secretary.....Mrs. George Hahn  
Treasurer.....Mrs. Joseph Fullerton  
Parliamentarian.....Mrs. K. M. Hewitt  
Charter Member.....Mrs. Frank Lipp  
Mrs. F. C. Smith, Past Pres. 1908-1911  
Mrs. J. W. Briggs



## The Red Cross Mayview Club



Steele  
First Row—(Left to Right) Miss Susan Cuppy, Sewing Chairman; Mrs. James T. Proctor, Devotional Chairman; Mrs. Fietta Newhard, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Lillie M. Pharr, Acting Treasurer; Mrs. T. M. Sankey, President; Mrs. Charles McGaughey, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Clarence Maitland, Vice President; Mrs. John W. Wilt, Entertainment Chairman; Mrs. Alfred L. Stroud, Publicity Chairman.  
Second Row—Mrs. Frank Adams, Golden Jubilee Chairman; Mrs. John W. Petersen, Mrs. A. L. Lampen, Flower Chairman; Mrs. Evelyn Gulland, Mrs. W. P. Buffington, Mrs. J. W. Cargo, Mrs. C. H. Blaine, Mrs. T. W. Irwin, Mrs. Rebecca McRoberts, Mrs. D. R. Ferguson, Mrs. Don Goodwill, Mrs. D. U. Filler.

**E**ARLY in 1929 a small group of Wilkinsburg women became interested in a needy, though worthy, elderly lady of the community, and arranged for placing her in the Female Home of the Mayview Institute. During their visits to her there they realized the opportunity to help and cheer the other residents of the home.

When these women got together for discussion of their new philanthropic

work what could be more natural than that their hands also be busy—with sewing for example? This led the group into another worthwhile activity, the making of garments for the Red Cross. And so, the Red Cross—Mayview Club had its beginning with these twelve members, Mrs. Clarence Maitland being the first President.

In 1933 the Club was enlarged to comprise 24 active members and three



associates. The extent of their work was likewise increased to include local interests.

Twice each year at Christmas and Easter, the Club members and their friends bring cheer to the 300 women in the Mayview Home and Hospital with entertainment and gifts. In addition to this, periodic visits are made by individual members and small groups throughout the year.

Local philanthropic work has in-

cluded contributions to the Y. W. C. A. and Boys' Club, donations to the Columbia Hospital dispensary, and providing funds for sending Boy Scouts to their Camp.

The present officers are President, Mrs. T. Morton Sankey; Vice President, Mrs. Clarence Maitland; Secretary, Mrs. Charles McCaughey; Treasurer, Mrs. D. U. Filler; Acting Treasurer, Mrs. H. A. Pharo, and Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. F. A. Newhard.

## Carpenter's Local Union No. 430



First Row—(Left to Right) S. F. Byers, N. H. Piper, J. C. Kaup, W. D. Lose, H. R. Cottrill, H. E. Fleming, O. Berkey, Chas. Riddle, Harry Allison, Jas. Smith.  
Second Row—S. B. Walker, Jos. Hocksider, Adolph Bostedo, J. Orsini, Dave Craig, J. D. Shaffer, W. I. Hixon, F. T. Ayers, Harry Wambaugh, Wm. Dick.  
Third Row—Arthur Turton, Dave Thomas, Roy Berkey, Frank Moore, Fred Hertzog, Dave Mohn, George Pence, Jas. Craig, A. C. Redfern, George McDowell.  
Fourth Row—Ed. Robison, E. A. Armstrong, L. W. Swartz, Ivan Larimer, J. J. Blotnick, Ben. Wagner.

**W**ILKINSBURG Carpenter's Local Union No. 430 was organized on January 6, 1900 with 45 Charter members. The first officers of the Local were as follows: President, J. L. Bell; Vice President, S. C. Laney; Recording Secretary, Charles McClernan; Financial Secretary, H. M. Beaty; Treasurer, J. H. Pore; Conductor, J. M. Raymond; Warden, J. H. Bowersox; Trustees, L. C. Reed, W. W. Spencer, T. F. Toner. The present officers are as follows: President, H. R. Cottrill; Vice President, W. D. Lose; Recording Secretary, J. G. Smith; Financial Secretary, N. H. Piper; Treasurer, S. F. Byers; Conductor, Chas. Riddle; Warden, O. Berkey; Trustees, J. C. Kaup, Harry Allison and H. E. Fleming.

## Order of Eastern Star ORIENT CHAPTER

**O**RIENT Chapter, No. 35 O. E. S., was constituted May 4, 1905. Mrs. Blanche Linhart (Mrs. C. P.) was first Worthy Matron.

Orient Chapter is first Ch. of O. E. S. in Wilkinsburg. The Chapter meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Masonic Temple, South Avenue.

Present officers: Worthy Matron, Miss Ida E. Baird; Worthy Patron, Earl V. Chamberlain; Assistant Matron, Mrs. Margaret Shontz; Con., Miss Helen Palmer; Asst. Con., Mrs. Ethel Bromwich.

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## The Colored Community Club of Wilkinsburg



First Row—(Left to Right) Helen Youngs, Mrs. Wm. Roberts, Sister Williams, Fannie Stroders, Cora Williams, Hazel Roberts, Flora Walker, Henry Morgan, Jimmie Morgan. Steele

Second Row—Sue Williams, Daniel Curry, Ernest Brevard, William Thurman, Elmira Youngs, Joyce Brown, Mrs. J. Brown, John Griffin, Ella Brevard, Aaron Brevard, Edward Hilton.

**T**HE Colored Community Club of Wilkinsburg was organized August 27, 1931 at the St. Marks A. M. E. Church. Mrs. Frances Virginia Kilby is credited as being the "Promoter" of this organization.

With Mrs. Elmira Young presiding, it was agreed upon that the purpose of the Club would be to help the needy people during those long, dark, dreary days of depression.

In a short while officers were elected, and the following persons became members: Frances Virginia Kilby, Cora Williams, Matilda Robinson, Mary Monroe, Ardelia Thornton, Jeannette Watson, M. L. Roberts, Ella Brevard, Elizabeth Barnes, Dora Moore, Mildred Ramsey, J. C. Barnes, J. W. Brown, Fannie Strothers, Sidney Morgan, Henry Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. E. Watt and the Rev. C. H. Crumidy. Many new members have been added since that time, and the organization has approximately fifty members at present.

As the membership began to increase, and the younger people began to attend the meetings, it became necessary to seek a larger meeting place, the club now being located at 1404 Montier Street, naming its headquart-

ers "The Wilkinsburg Community Center."

Regular meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings of each month.

Sewing for the Red Cross was one of its first Welfare Duties. Recently a class in Home Hygiene was taught by Mrs. Joy Wolfe of the Red Cross Chapter. Classes in Cooking and Advanced First Aid are scheduled to begin in the Fall.

Since 1933 this club has sponsored a "Girl Scout" Troop No. 313, under the leadership of Mrs. Hazel P. Roberts.

A sewing group also meets every Wednesday and Friday afternoons, Mrs. Arelissa Lindsay, instructor.

A girls Industrial Club has also been added to the organization, with Mrs. Addie Williams as sponsor.

A Benefit Tag Day and Field Day is held annually by this group.

The present officers are:

President.....Mrs. Cora Williams  
1st Vice-Pres.....Mrs. Susie Tinsley  
2nd Vice-Pres....Mrs. Fannie Strothers  
Rec. Secretary.....Miss E. Barnes  
Asst. Rec. Sec.....Mrs. H. Roberts  
Financial Secretary....Miss D. Thomas  
Treasurer.....Mr. M. R. Roberts  
Chaplain.....Mr. J. W. Brown



## Daughters of Naomi

**K**EYSTONE Assembly No. 14, Daughters of Naomi, Ancient Order of Knights of the Mystic Chain of Pennsylvania, was instituted on July 23, 1900 with a charter membership of 24. The first officers included the following:

Past Commander.....Sadie Smith  
 Commander .....Edith Hulen  
 Vice Commander.....Carrie Weinman  
 Conductress .....Bertha Krider  
 Secretary.....Annie E. Dettmy  
 Asst. Secretary.....R. Hamilton  
 Treasurer.....E. Shields  
 Chaplain.....A. E. Kent  
 Guard .....Sadie Krider  
 Sentinel .....Anna Rhodes

### Trustees:

18 months—R. Hamilton  
 12 months—Sarah Van Ryn  
 6 months—Annie McCracken

### Present Officers

Past Commander.....Sadie Sager  
 Commander .....Kathryn Gilbert  
 Vice Commander.....Louisa Burns  
 Conductress .....Gertrude Magee  
 Secretary ..... Mary Brown  
 Fin. Secretary.....Mary Branstool  
 Treasurer.....Jessie Snedden  
 Chaplain .....Anna Coombs  
 Guard .....Clara Sponagle  
 Sentinel .....Clara Snyder



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First Row—(Left to Right) Stella Pommer, Anna Coombs, Mary Watters, Jennie Spreher, Carrie Weiman, Kathryn Gilbert, Louisa Burns, Emma Sneddon, Jessie Sneddon.  
 Second Row—Isabella Schmidt, Margaret Gray, Clara Sponagle, Clara Snyder, Mary Brown, Gertrude McGee, Mary Branstool, Lulu Shirley, Mary Dillie, Sadie Sager.  
 Third Row—Margaret Bateman, Annie Rankin, Euphemia Walters, Marie Kearns, Wm. Martin, Barbara Rickert, Sara Corns, Sarah Smith, Alice Minnick, Elizabeth McKee, Alice Lugar.

### Trustees:

18 Months—Sadie Sager  
 12 Months—Barbara Rickert  
 6 Months—Amy Hamilton

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Second Row—Mary Seigler, Anna Chalmers, Martha Deal, Mary Bandstool, Corrine Baum, Lillian Sanford, Clara Kearns, Gertrude Magee, Lillian Sohn, Sadie Sager, Lulu Shirley, Sarah Corns, Euphemia Walter, Elizabeth Fornof.  
Third Row—Irene Rickenbrau, Margaret Hopper, Hazel Robb, Sadie Beam, Edna Ressler, Mary Wagner, Marie Kearns, Wilma Wurmb.

**Parent-Teacher Association**



Swoger  
First Row—(Left to Right) Mrs. Walter Horst, Mrs. J. A. Cummings, Mrs. Geo. W. Miller, Mrs. Robertson Tilton, Mrs. Brady Stewart, Mrs. A. W. Rhodes.  
Second Row—W. C. Graham, Mrs. Ira D. Hogg, Mrs. J. R. Eisaman, Mrs. George G. Main, Mrs. Hallam White.

**I**N May, 1932, a Parent-Teacher Association was organized in each of the six Elementary Schools, Junior High and Senior High Schools with a total membership of 868. At the same time a Wilkinsburg City Council of Parents and Teachers was organized. Each association is a member of the Pennsylvania Congress and the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

The objects of the organization are, first, to promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, church and community; to raise the standards of home life; to secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth. Second, to bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the training of the child, and to develop between educa-



tors and the general public such united efforts as will secure for every child the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual education.

Each association meets monthly in their respective schools, presenting various types of programs. Council meets the fourth Wednesday of each month in Allison School, at 1:30 P. M. to discuss the various projects carried on by the associations and learn of school activities.

During the years in which the P. T. A. has been functioning, the needy children of the community have been provided with shoes, clothing, hot lunches, Christmas baskets and medi-

cal aid; classes in Parent Education have been conducted at the Y. W. C. A., and the W. P. A. sewing project has been carried on for the past two years in the Johnston School. A new project started this year—school gardens—has been very successful.

The officers of council for the year 1937-38 are, President, Mrs. Geo. W. Miller; Vice President, Mrs. Brady Stewart; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Robertson Tilton; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. J. Walter Horst; Treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Jagger; Registrar, Mrs. Geo. Hahn.

The total membership for the past year was 1258.

## The Community Betterment Association



Seated—(Left to Right) Z. H. Rodes, C. E. Wolford, P. C. Fuqua.  
Standing—Miss Nelle P. Maxwell, E. M. Buell, E. C. Young, R. S. Bull.

Swoger

**T**HE Community Betterment Association was founded at a meeting called by the leaders of Men's Bible Classes of Wilkinsburg, held in the First Presbyterian Church, during April, 1935. During June following, a permanent organization was effected at a meeting held in the United Brethren Church.

The need for such an association was brought about by the open violation of laws and the creation of disorder by the 50-odd licensed saloons then operating, and the inability of local enforcement authorities to cope with a bad situation. Decision was made to exercise the legal right given to correct such conditions by voting for Local Option.

Aided by all churches—Protestant and Catholic—many civic and service clubs, professional and women's clubs, and the Chamber of Commerce—Local

Option was accomplished by a decisive victory on November 5, 1935, on both licensed saloons and the Sunday movies.

Again Wilkinsburg was lifted out of a shameful condition, and could take its high place among the boroughs of Pennsylvania. We still carry on as an association of Christian men and women—working together toward the maintenance of law and order and further betterment of this community. Wilkinsburg is a desirable place to live and to conduct an honest business with honorable people, who appreciate what has been done.

Officers (Right to Left), seated Z. H. Rodes, Secretary; C. E. Wolford, President, 1935; P. C. Fuqua, President, 1936. Standing, Nelle P. Maxwell, Treasurer; E. M. Buell, Vice President; E. C. Young, President, 1937; R. S. Bull, Assistant Secretary.

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## Junior Section Women's Club



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Four standing committees, namely, social, program, press, and music, formed the nucleus of the club's work.

Regular meetings were held at the homes of the club members on the third Monday of each month. The programs presented were of a varied nature and relative to the purpose of the club.

From the beginning, philanthropic projects were the aim of the club, and as early as 1924 contributions were made to the Wilksburg Fresh Air School, The Salvation Army, The Red Cross and the Wilksburg Playground.

Today the Junior Section has grown to approximately one-hundred members. Due to the increase in membership and activities the standing committees have been increased to thirteen. Meetings are now held in the Y. W. C. A. and true to tradition, philanthropic work is still the aim of the club. The Baby Clinic, the Boys' Club, the Children's Library, the Columbia Hospital, and Relief Fund are among the many organizations added to its list.

First Row—(Left to Right) Miss Jane Montgomery, Mrs. W. A. Bonesteel, Miss Jean Braddock, Mrs. Henry Smith, Mrs. John Phifer.  
Second Row—Mrs. W. J. Graham, Mrs. G. E. Lambert, Mrs. J. G. Stephenson, Mrs. D. B. Spangler, Miss Virginia Blair, Mrs. G. G. Gibson.

THE Junior Section of the Women's Club of Wilksburg was organized in 1923 under the supervision of the Women's Club. The purpose of the Club was to further the interest in

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## The Junior Civic Club

THE Junior Civic Club of Wilkinsburg was organized in November, 1933, becoming affiliated with the State and County Federations in 1934. Its first president was Mrs. H. E. Robinson, who was succeeded by the following:

Mrs. N. R. Korb, Mrs. Richard Phifer, Miss Frances Walter and the present leader, Mrs. Wm. Bickmore.

Although but five years old, its record of achievements is one of which its members and the community it serves may well be proud. Some of the group's major projects have been the Boys' Club of Wilkinsburg, the Wilkinsburg Baby Clinic, and, during the past year, the formation of a Girls' Club, which has been a huge success. During the current year the club will also aid the Dispensary Committee of the Columbia Hospital in its work.

Its Christmas party for under-privileged Wilkinsburg youngsters has been an annual event as has been the making of scrapbooks for the Columbia Hospital Children's Ward.

With the thought in mind to better civic conditions within the confines of our Borough of Wilkinsburg, this organization has whole-heartedly entered into every forward step taken along



Left to Right—Miss Frances Walter, Parliamentarian; Miss Ruth Vera, Asst. Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Wm. J. Bickmore, President; Miss Jane Stally, Secretary; Mrs. J. Norman Davies, 1st Vice President; Miss Margaret Riffle, 2nd Vice President.

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## The Evening Dept. - Woman's Club



Left to Right—Mrs. Russell H. Sager, Mrs. H. J. Graham, Mrs. W. A. Heazlett, Mrs. Donald A. Eneix, Mrs. Earle A. Brown, Mrs. C. B. McKeown, Mrs. Arthur Textor. Swoger

**T**HE Evening Department of the Woman's Club of Wilkinsburg was created in 1934 to interest members of the Junior Section in Senior Club activities and to afford club membership to young women in the community whose business or home duties precluded participation in the afternoon meetings of the club.

Mrs. Russell Carl was the first chairman, and was assisted by Miss Lydia Steele, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. William Bruckman, Recording Secretary; Miss Dorothy Phillips, Corresponding Secretary and Mrs. James M. Moore, Financial Secretary. The Department had its own program and social activities, and became identified with educational work in the Borough through the establishment of a Memorial Shelf in the Wilkinsburg Library, the books placed upon it being dedicated to the

memory of departed members of the Woman's Club.

From an original membership of 39 the Department has now grown to 89, with meetings held at the Y. W. C. A. Building on the second Monday evening of each month. For several years the Department has been planning for a separate Children's library for the Borough, which dream was realized when the Children's Reading Rooms were opened last May. The activities of the Evening Department now center around the maintenance and enrichment of this important project.

Mrs. William A. Heazlett is the chairman of the Department for the coming year, and will be assisted by Mrs. Russell H. Sager, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. H. J. Graham, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Josephine Stewart, Recording Secretary; and Mrs. Clark B. McKeown, Treasurer.

## Order of the Eastern Star Wilkinsburg Chapter No. 436

**W**ILKINSBURG Chapter No. 436, Order of the Eastern Star was constituted November 10, 1928 with Mrs. Margaret B. Shiels as Worthy Matron. Its purpose is social and philanthropic. Past Matrons of the Chapter are:

Mrs. Margaret B. Shiels  
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Mrs. Arzella M. Huntsberger  
Mrs. L. May Mikesell  
Mrs. May M. Fisher  
Mrs. Minnie S. West  
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Mrs. Rose K. Hootman  
Mrs. Mary Ann Johnson

This year's officers are: Worthy Matron, Mrs. Elsie S. Wood; Worthy Patron, Brother Robert Kirk; Mrs. Ruth A. Bowlin, Miss Christina L. Mincher, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Kearns, Mrs. Laura Krause, Mrs. Helen R. Ennott, Mrs. Ada M. White, Mrs. Clara B. Krug, Mrs. Jessie B. Luth, Mrs. Floda Antis, Mrs. Elizabeth Furrer, Mrs. Evelyn O. Miller, Mrs. Marion F. Round, Mrs. Alma McFarland, Mrs. Cora H. McLaughlin, Mrs. Hedwig Bires.



# The Group for Historical Research on Wilkinsburg Village and Environs 1788—1887



First Row—(Left to Right) Mrs. L. H. McKee, Miss Elisabeth Davison, Mrs. R. M. Ewing.  
Second Row—Mr. C. M. Carothers, Miss Martha Black, Mr. Jackson.



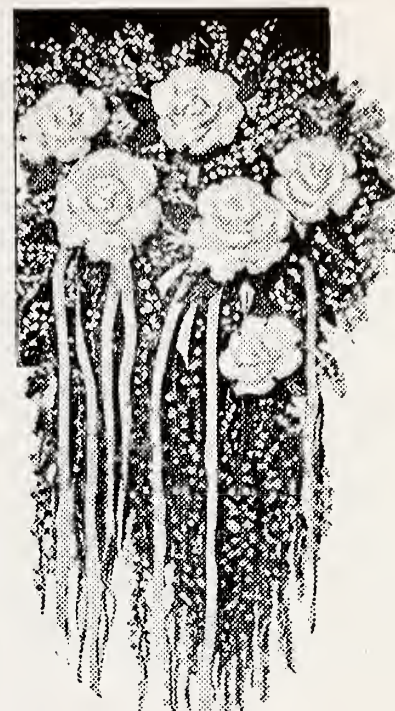
THE Group bearing the above title was organized June 11th, 1934, at the residence of Miss Elisabeth M. Davison, 1317 Elm Street, Wilkinsburg, at the call of the hostess and Mr. S. H. Jackson.

A suggestion made by one of Pittsburgh's prominent citizens was discussed—that "Events in the early years of the Village were too full of interest to be lost, and that they should be put on record", and a resolution made to begin research study to add to the facts and traditions already passed down by "the fathers"; the resulting material to be preserved in typed, loose-leaf book form.

The following officers were elected:  
S. H. Jackson.....President  
Mrs. Eleanor McC. Ewing.....V. Pres.  
C. M. Carothers.....Sec. and Treas.  
Miss Martha G. Black....Cor. Secretary  
Miss Ellen B. McKee.... Asst. Cor. Sec.

Miss Elizabeth M. Davison, Gen. Chr. Meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of the month, from October to July, at the homes of the members. Papers on a variety of subjects are read and discussed: Historic Events, Organizations of Churches, Schools and Institutions, Establishment of Business Houses, Real Estate transactions, Character of Residents, a fund of anecdotes, (not all, alas, to be printed) have proved so interesting that from the original membership of 23, an average attendance of 18 has resulted.

Courage grew with the passage of time, and it is now the intention of the group to publish the book, which will include a hundred pictures of buildings, and of persons who helped to make "WILKINSBURG — T H E VILLAGE" a place to be desired by home-loving people.



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Second Row—Alice Lafferty, Frances Gover, Elizabeth Thomas, Lulu Shirley, Sara Corns, Marion Burge, Helen Burkholder, Laura Heller, Florence Bell, Lucy Coulter, Nellie Donaldson, Grace Strobel, Emma Schroder, Winifred Storer.  
Third Row—Rev. F. S. Gover, Julia Brevenik, Thomas C. Cline, Ethel Landis, Paul F. Landis.

**M**YRTLE Cress Rebekah Lodge, No. 176 I. O. O. F., was instituted January 9th, 1889 in the Odd Fellows Hall at that time located on Penn Avenue, between Coal Street and Swissvale Avenue, but now torn down.

The membership consisted of the relatives of the members of Subordinate Lodge No. 676. Mrs. Elizabeth Hulme (deceased) served as the first Noble Grand and Brother McElhattan as the first Secretary.

Of the original charter membership

we are pleased to still have on our active roll Sister Bertha Krider. Sister Sarah P. Krider now living at Springfield, Mass., has been an active member for over forty-five years.

In February 1933 Princess Hope Rebekah Lodge of Sandy Creek consolidated with our Lodge.

Though the membership at present is comparatively low, we still have an active Lodge among which we have thirty-nine Past Officers. Of these Past Officers three have served as District Deputy Presidents of the Rebekah Assemble. They are Mrs. Mary Porter (deceased), Mrs. Inda Palmer and Mrs. Florence Bell.

The Lodge has contributed its financial support as well as some of the members having served on the Board of Directors of the Rebekah Home of Western Pennsylvania, among them being Mrs. Margaret Cline who served twelve years and Mrs. Florence Bell at the present time.

The present presiding officer is Mrs. Sadie Bostard, with Mrs. Mary Brown as Financial Secretary and Mrs. Ella Lose, Treasurer. The present meeting place is in the Knights of Pythias Hall on Penn Avenue and the meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

## Order of the Eastern Star Star of Bethlehem Chapter No. 103

**O**RDER of the Eastern Star was instituted twenty-six years ago on January 19, 1911. The chapter now holds its meetings the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the Masonic Temple, South Avenue, Wilkesburg. Its purpose is social and philanthropic.

The late Miss Matilda G. Carothers was the first Worthy Matron and under the able leadership of the following past Matrons and cooperative interest of its members has grown to be one of the largest chapters in the state, having to date a membership of five hundred and sixteen.

### Past Matrons

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Clan Douglas No. 229, Wilkinsburg, Pa. was instituted April 1914, with 17 charter members, and at present has a membership of 120. On the Boro war memorial can be found the names of 16 of its members who served with the various forces during the World War.

Its present officers are as follows:

Chief Neil Cameron; Immediate Past Chief, Wm. Ferguson; Tanist Donald Potter; Chaplain Past Chief John M.



First Row—(Left to Right) Past Chief, Alex Lawson; Recording Secretary, Past Chief, Hugh Kemp; Tanist, Donald Potter; Royal Deputy, William Moir; Chaplain, Past Chief John M. Connor.

Second Row—Seneschal, Adam Hood; Treasurer, William Sloan; Clansman, David Edgar; Sentinel, Past Chief, David McNair.

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A club room was secured at 708 Penn Avenue. Miss Anna Woods was the first General Secretary. Members served coffee and cocoa without cost to working girls. Classes in Religious Instruction, First Aid, Millinery, Sewing and French were organized which met in the various churches.

Expenses of the "Y" were provided for by dues and donations.

During the World War the "Y" was actively engaged in Red Cross work. In addition they invested \$2600 in Liberty Bonds.

As the membership increased, additional activities were sponsored. The organization grew so rapidly that by 1919 it was necessary to find more suitable headquarters. Arrangements were made to purchase the St. Paul's Lutheran Church and parsonage at the corner of Ross and Center Streets. The church building provided a much needed Community House and the Parsonage provided a dormitory.

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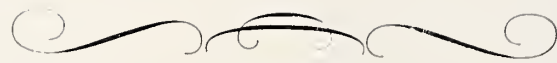
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